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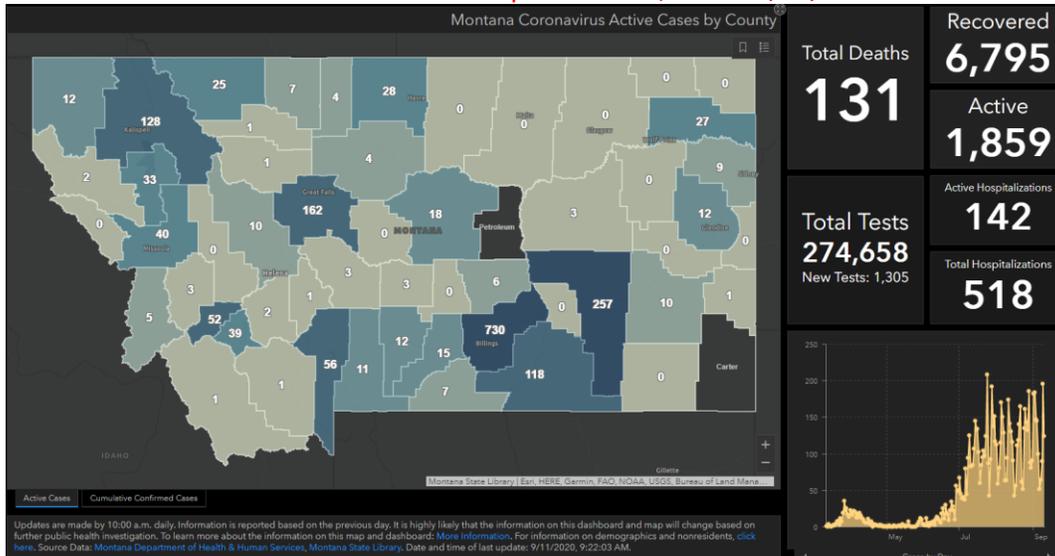
## Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

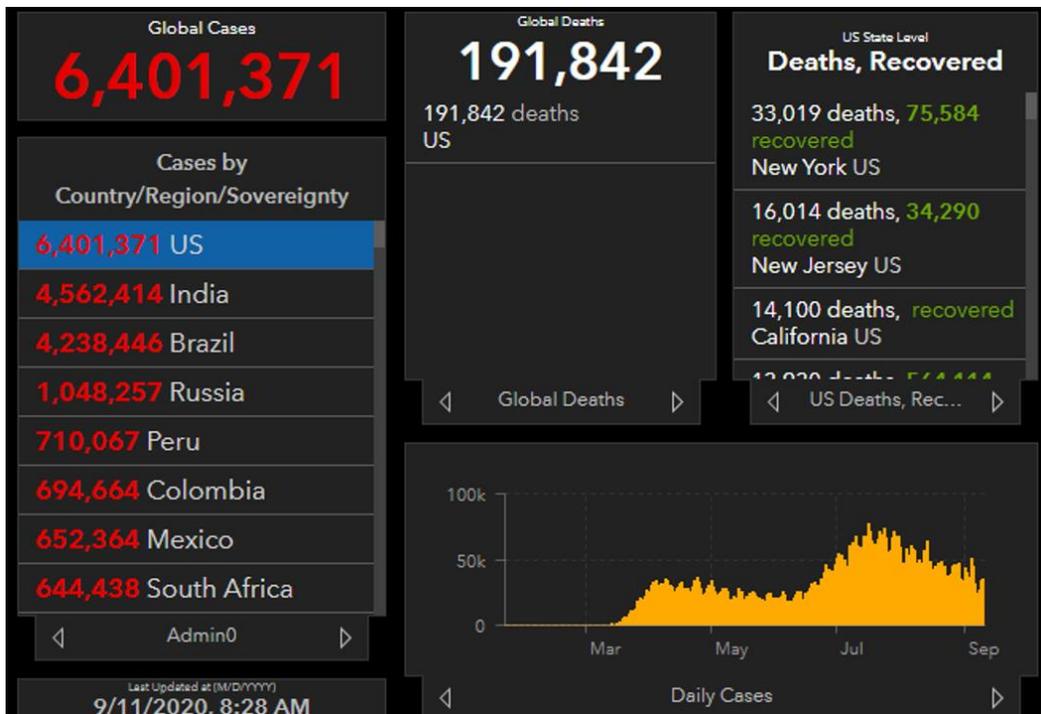
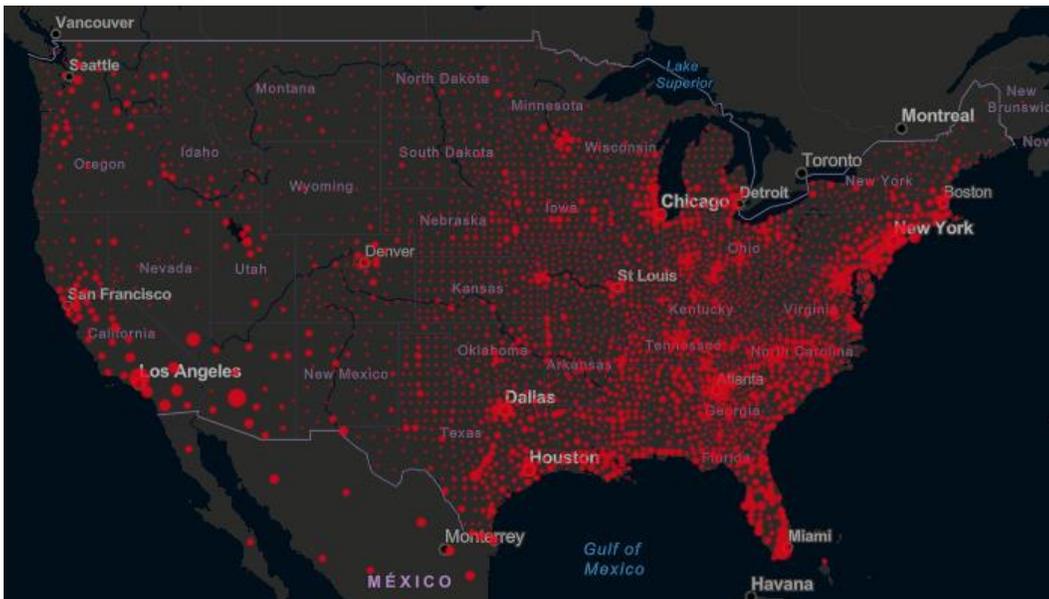
September 11, 2020

# COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 124 (+more than 1%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 1,859 (+51)</i> <i>Recovered: 6,795 (+63)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 518 (+6)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 142 (-21)</i> <i>Deaths: 131 (Last 24hrs: +8)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a> (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	<b>8,785</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 31,290 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>6,401,371</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>78,467</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>*34,617</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>4,199</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>14,443</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>15,843</b>

\*ID total case count was reported as 35,353 on 9/10/2020





## PLANNING

**New HHS data reporting platform - Single data entry fulfills state and federal requirements.** MHA has purchased a new HHS Data Reporting Platform with COVID-19 grant funding. This creates a single, secure data entry point to fulfill both state and federal requirements, including state PPE resource allocation and HHS Teletracking mandates. This new single-entry system is especially critical with CMS' new rules that require such reporting as a Condition of Participation for Medicare and Medicaid. Hospitals will face possible termination of Medicare and Medicaid payments if unable to correct reporting deficiencies. See the complete details on the new platform [here](#).

**As of September 8, 2020 hospitals should utilize EMResource for statewide bed availability, PPE and Remdisivir data, as well as, all TeleTracking data points, including HHS lab testing.** Upon entering HHS data into EMResource, Juvare will automatically upload data to TeleTracking on behalf of your facility daily. Facilities may continue entering their own data into TeleTracking if they choose. All laboratories conducting COVID-19 testing and reporting patient-specific results – including hospital labs, nursing homes, and other facilities conducting testing for COVID-19 – will be required to comply. If a laboratory does not report the required information, CMS will impose a civil monetary penalty in the amount of \$1,000 a day for the first day, and \$500 for each subsequent day.

**Long-Term Care facilities must transition all PPE and bed reporting to EMResources as of October 1, 2020.** The previous [weekly survey](#) hosted on Formstack will become inactive on October 1, 2020. Facilities that do not have access to EMResource should email contact information to [hppcoordinators@mtha.org](mailto:hppcoordinators@mtha.org).

For questions, please contact your [Regional Coordinator](#).

## LOGISTICS

**IRS issues initial guidance on deferral of employee portion of Social Security tax.** The IRS recently issued [guidance](#) for implementing the White House's Aug. 8 executive order on payroll taxes, which applies to wages paid Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2020. Under the memorandum, non-federal employers may defer withholding and payment of an employee's portion of the Social Security tax if the employee earns less than \$4,000 biweekly. The IRS says these taxes must be repaid between Jan. 1 and April 30, 2021, or interest, penalties and additions to tax will begin to accrue on May 1, 2021. This differs from the CARES Act payroll tax delay of the [employer share](#), which began March 27 and allows repayment over a two-year period.

**The American Hospital Association releases annual workforce report.** The AHA released its [2021 Healthcare Talent Scan](#) examining the latest factors and trends affecting the healthcare workforce based on reports and studies from leading organizations and researchers. Topics covered in the report include COVID-19, workforce shortages, team-based models, artificial intelligence and clinician well-being.

**Submit PPE needs to DES coordinator in order to ensure allocation.** Until further notice, healthcare organizations MUST [submit needs to their local DES coordinator](#) in order to receive an allocation of emergency PPE.

## FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

**Governor announces additional funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund will be directed to the Social Services Nonprofit Grant and the Montana Meat Processing Infrastructure Grant.** Governor Bullock [announced](#) he is committing an additional \$25 million to nonprofits and issued new guidelines for nonprofits to seek another round of funding. Eligible nonprofits can now receive up to 10 percent of their 2019 annual operating budget, or a maximum grant of \$150,000. Nonprofits must have an annual operating budget of at least \$20,000 to apply and submit a budget of proposed uses of grant funds and certify that funds will be used only for pandemic-related purposes.

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Call recordings and webinar playbacks.** Missed a call or webinar promoted in MHA's daily COVID-19 Call & Webinar Alert? Many are recorded, and are [posted here](#) once available.

**COVID-19 Resource Library.** MHA has built a [library](#) of helpful resources and sample material from other hospitals, healthcare organizations and states in their response to COVID-19.

**HHS hospital-specific COVID-19 questions:** [HospitalCOVID19@hhs.gov](mailto:HospitalCOVID19@hhs.gov)

**SITREP Archive.** Daily Situation Reports archived [here](#).

**State of Montana COVID-19 Hotline:** 1-888-333-0461

Montanans can also email questions to [covid19info@mt.gov](mailto:covid19info@mt.gov). State public health officials will be responding to inquiries from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

**MHA Incident Management Team:** [esf8@mtha.org](mailto:esf8@mtha.org)

## REFERENCE LINKS

### GENERAL

Contact lists and general sources of information on a wide range of COVID-19-related issues

[MHA COVID-19 General Resources page](#)

### CLINICAL OPERATIONS

Resources on infection prevention and control, EMS operations, telehealth operations and care for specific populations from federal and state resources

[MHA COVID-19 Clinical Operations page](#)

## **LONG-TERM CARE & RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**

CDC and CMS resources specific to maintaining safe conditions in long-term care and retirement communities

[MHA COVID-19 Long-Term Care & Retirement Communities page](#)

## **SUPPLY CHAIN RESOURCES**

Resources from AHRMM, AHA, Intalere, CDC and other sources on sourcing, conserving and properly using PPE

[MHA COVID-19 Supply Chain Resources page](#)

## **WORKFORCE PROTECTION & SUPPORT**

MT DLI, CDC, OSHA and NIH toolkits, FAQs and other resources to protect employees and allow staff to return to work

[MHA COVID-19 Workforce Protection & Support page](#)

## **COMMUNITY MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

CDC resources on community mitigation strategies

[MHA COVID-19 Community Mitigation Strategies page](#)

## **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Guidance, fact sheets and other resources on regulatory waivers and flexibilities in addition to catalogued financing information related to the CARES Act and other COVID-19 funding assistance

[MHA COVID-19 Finance & Administration page](#)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Archive of MHA COVID-19 related communications as well as sample communications documents, toolkits and other resources from state and national levels

[MHA COVID-19 Communications page](#)

## **TESTING**

FAQs, recommendations and other CDC, FDA and MT DPHHS resources related to COVID-19 testing

[MHA COVID-19 Testing page](#)

## **PLANNING**

Best practices and planning documents from CDC, facilities on the front lines and MT DPHHS

[MHA COVID-19 Planning page](#)

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