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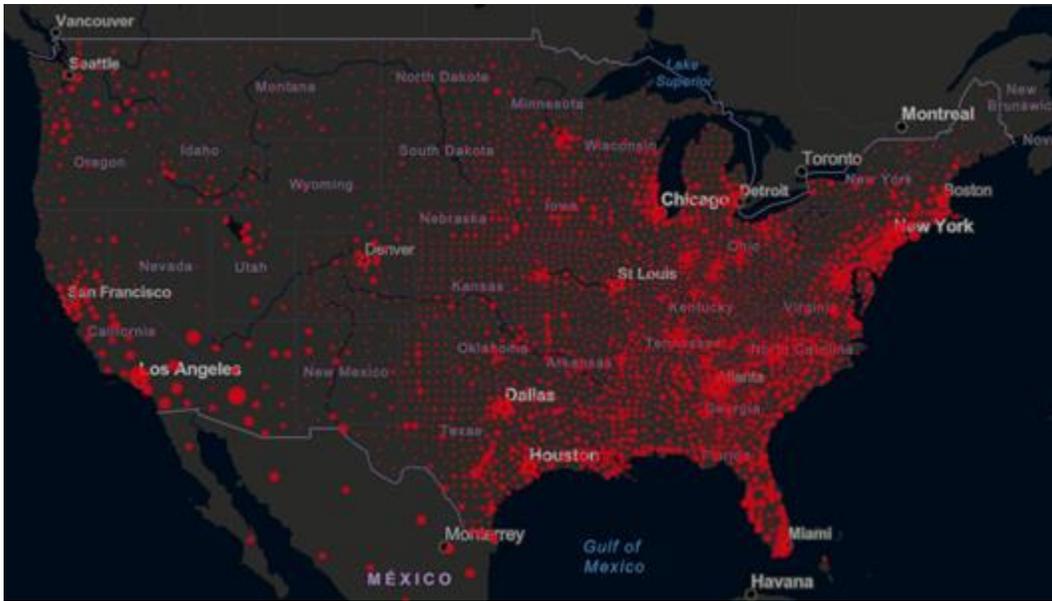
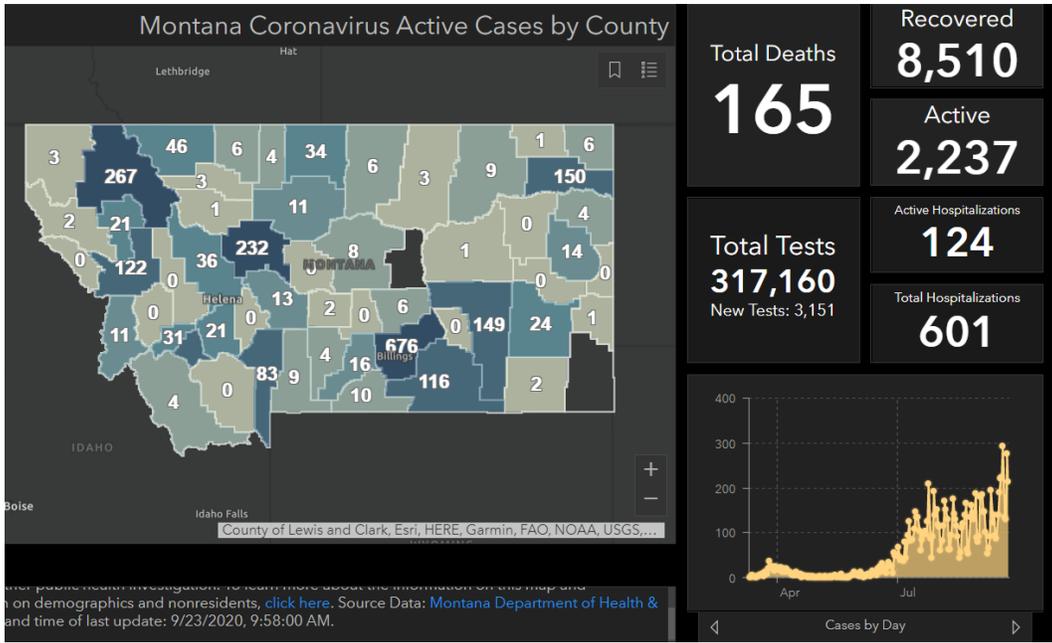
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Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

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## COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 214 (+2%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 2,237 (-363)</i> <i>Recovered: 8,510 (+573)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 601 (+17)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 124 (+13)</i> <i>Deaths: 165 (Last 24hrs: +2)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a> (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	<b>10,912</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 26,347 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>6,899,272</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>83,193</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>38,347</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>5,016</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>18,981</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>19,189</b>





## OPERATIONS

**Updated analysis of COVID-19 cases in Montana.** Montana DPHHS has released an updated epidemiological review of COVID-19 cases in the state. The [report](#) is based on COVID-19 case information available as of September 18.

**US deaths from COVID-19 top 200,000; AHA, AMA and ANA issue joint statement.** The US death toll from COVID-19 Tuesday surpassed 200,000, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University & Medicine. In a joint statement, the American Hospital Association, American Medical Association and American Nurses Association said, “Today we mark a somber milestone as more than 200,000 people in the United States have died of COVID-19 over the course of the pandemic. Those lost include mothers and fathers, grandparents, children, teachers, and frontline workers. The steps required to stop the spread of this virus should be well known by now, but with more than 6 million COVID-positive Americans, we say again: wear your mask, wash your hands, and practice physical distancing.”

“By scale and raw numbers, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on our country, affecting Americans at a rate that represents a nearly worst-case scenario. As autumn begins and as we continue working to minimize the suffering and death of this pandemic, we urge all Americans to get their flu shot early. With no end to COVID-19 in sight, a bad flu season has potential to cause additional strain on our health system that is still battling the pandemic. America’s physicians, nurses, and hospitals and health systems thank you for doing your part.”

## 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

**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 AND ADMINISTRATION

**House leadership urged to address impending MACRA changes.** Nearly 30 representatives on Monday urged House leaders to modify in the next COVID-19 response package impending thresholds for qualifying participants in Advanced Alternative Payment Models, which they said threaten to “derail” the movement to value-based care under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act.

“It has become clear that COVID-19 will make it more challenging for many of these providers to meet the law’s current thresholds due to shifts in care,” the House members wrote. “According to data recently released by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, on average, providers missed even the current QP threshold (50%) and are nowhere near the heightened threshold (75%) required by statute in 2021. It is critical for seniors that APMs continue in 2021 and beyond. Providers participating in APMs are conducting care coordination strategies that are needed now more than ever.”

## 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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