September 24, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana *New in last 24hrs: 333 (+3%)* *Active Cases: 2,443 (+206)* *Recovered: 8,634 (+124)* *Hospitalizations, Total: 650 (+49)* *Hospitalizations, Active: 128 (+4)* *Deaths: 165 (Last 24hrs: +0)* Source: **Montana COVID-19 Dashboard** (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	**11,242**
United States *New in last 24hrs: 41,976 (+less than 1%)* Source: **Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard**	**6,941,248**
WA	**83,702**
ID	**38,743**
WY	**5,169**
ND	**18,981**
SD	**19,634**

Montana Coronavirus Active Cases by County

| Total Deaths | Recovered |
| 165 | 8,634 |

Active
2,443

Total Tests
321,518
New Tests: 4,358

Active Hospitalizations
128

Total Hospitalizations
650

Cases by Day

...ther public health investigation. To learn more about the information on this map and dashboard, ...raphics and nonresidents, click here. Source Data: Montana Department of Health & Human ...e of last update: 9/24/2020, 9:49:08 AM.

Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, EPA | Montana State Library...

Cases by Country/Region/Sovereignty

6,941,248	US
5,732,518	India
4,591,364	Brazil
1,123,976	Russia
784,268	Colombia
782,695	Peru
710,049	Mexico

Last Updated at (M/D/YYYY)
9/24/2020, 9:23 AM

Global Deaths
202,170
202,170 deaths US

US State Level
Deaths, Recovered

33,090 deaths, 76,306 recovered New York US

16,082 deaths, 34,729 recovered New Jersey US

15,372

Daily Cases

OPERATIONS

Fourth COVID-19 vaccine phase 3 clinical trial launched. The NIH announced the launch of the fourth phase 3 clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine candidate sponsored by Janssen. The trial, which aim to enroll 60,000 individuals, will evaluate whether the one-dose vaccine candidate can prevent COVID-19 infection. While Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson is the leading regulatory sponsor, Janssen, the National Institutes of Allergies and Infectious Disease (NIAID), and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) are funding the clinical trial. The Janssen candidate is also a part of Operation Warp Speed.

Clinical trials to test convalescent plasma in hospital patients expanding. Two clinical trials launched in April to evaluate convalescent plasma as a treatment for patients hospitalized with COVID-19 are expanding, NIH has announced. The trials each expect to enroll about 1,000 hospitalized patients at academic and community-based hospitals across the country, who will be randomly assigned to

receive the treatment or a placebo. Both trials anticipate results as early as this fall.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee convened a hearing to examine the Trump Administration's COVID-19 response efforts. Top officials from NIH, CDC, HHS, and FDA [testified](#) about the separate agencies' efforts to develop medical countermeasures such as diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccine. During her opening statement, Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) spoke about the Science and Transparency Over Politics (STOP) Act. The [bill](#) is aimed at increasing oversight of the HHS's scientific decision-making related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

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

**States in Medicaid community care demonstration eligible for more funding;
Montana included.** CMS announced on Wednesday $165 million in supplemental
funding to help 33 states participating in the Money Follows the Person Medicaid
demonstration transition older adults and individuals with disabilities from long-
term care facilities to home and community-based settings, including in response
to the COVID-19 pandemic. CMS plans to provide eligible states with additional
information on the funding opportunity.

CDC awards $200 million to help jurisdictions plan for COVID-19 vaccine. The
CDC has awarded $200 million in CARES Act funds to help states, territories and
other jurisdictions prepare to distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccine. "CDC is
working closely with these jurisdictions to refine and update vaccination plans in
preparation for the upcoming COVID-19 vaccine program," said CDC Director
Robert Redfield, M.D. View the latest funding allocations as well as previous
COVID-19 allocations to the jurisdictions here.

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

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. 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

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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