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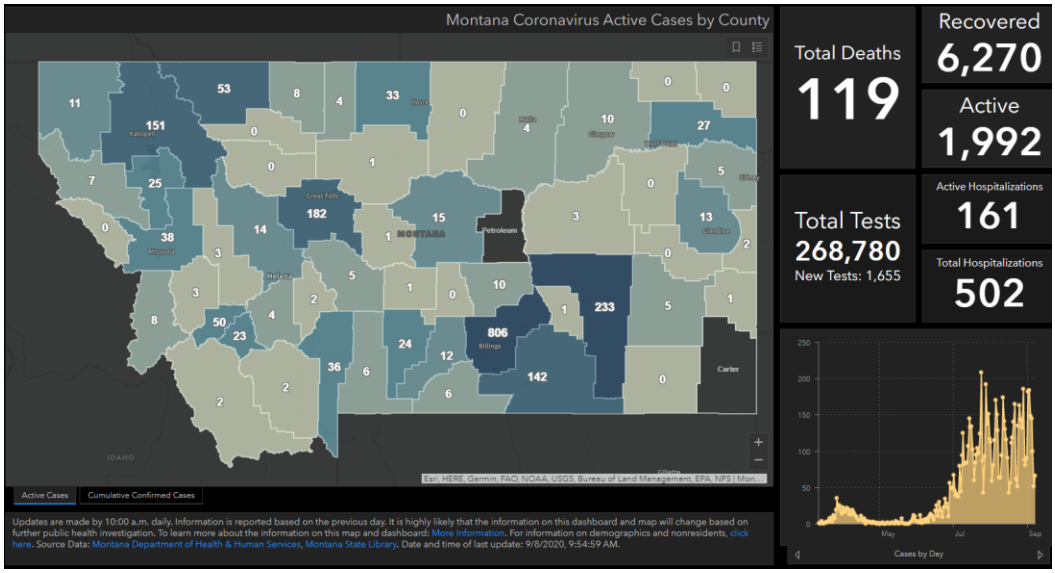
MHA Montana Hospital Association

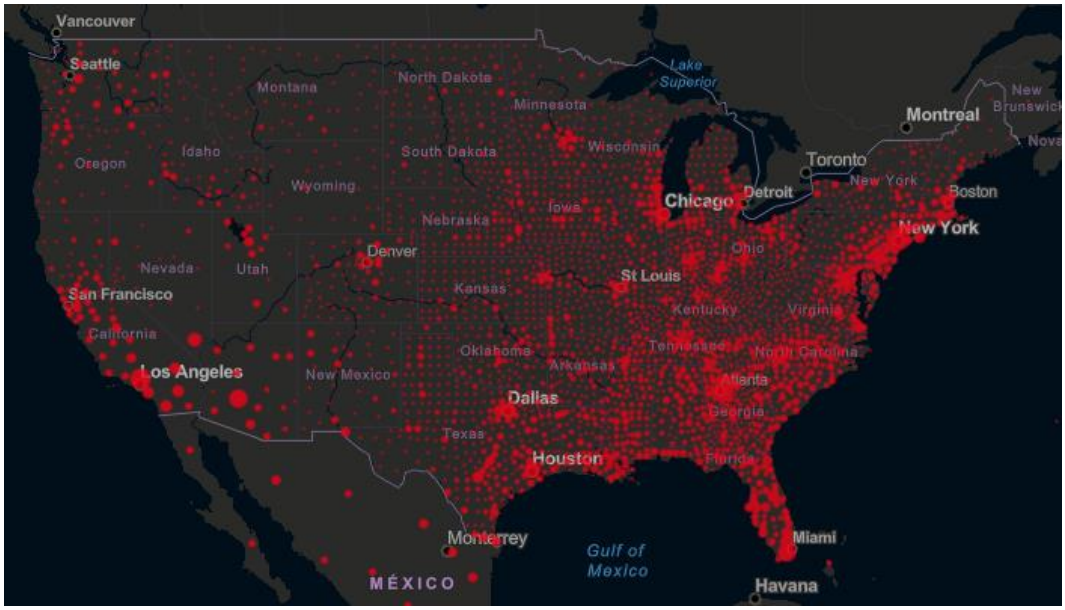
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

September 8, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana ***New in last 96hrs: 362 (+more than 1% average growth per day)*** ***Active Cases: 1,992 (-92)*** ***Recovered: 6,270 (+449)*** ***Hospitalizations, Total: 502 (+28)*** ***Hospitalizations, Active: 161 (+11)*** ***Deaths: 119 (Last 96hrs: +5)*** **Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)**	**8,381**
United States ***New in last 96hrs: 139,473 (+less than 1% average growth per day)*** **Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard**	**6,306,412**
WA	**77,545**
ID	**33,738**
WY	**4,032**
ND	**13,872**
SD	**15,300**


Montana Coronavirus Active Cases by County
Total Deaths
119
Recovered
6,270
Active
1,992
Total Tests
268,780
New Tests: 1,655
Active Hospitalizations
161
Total Hospitalizations
502
Active Cases
Cumulative Confirmed Cases
Updates are made by 10:00 a.m. daily. Information is reported based on the previous day. It is highly likely that the information on this dashboard and map will change based on further public health investigation. To learn more about the information on this map and dashboard: More Information. For information on demographics and nonresidents, click here. Source Data: Montana Department of Health & Human Services, Montana State Library. Date and time of last update: 9/8/2020, 9:54:59 AM.
Cases by Day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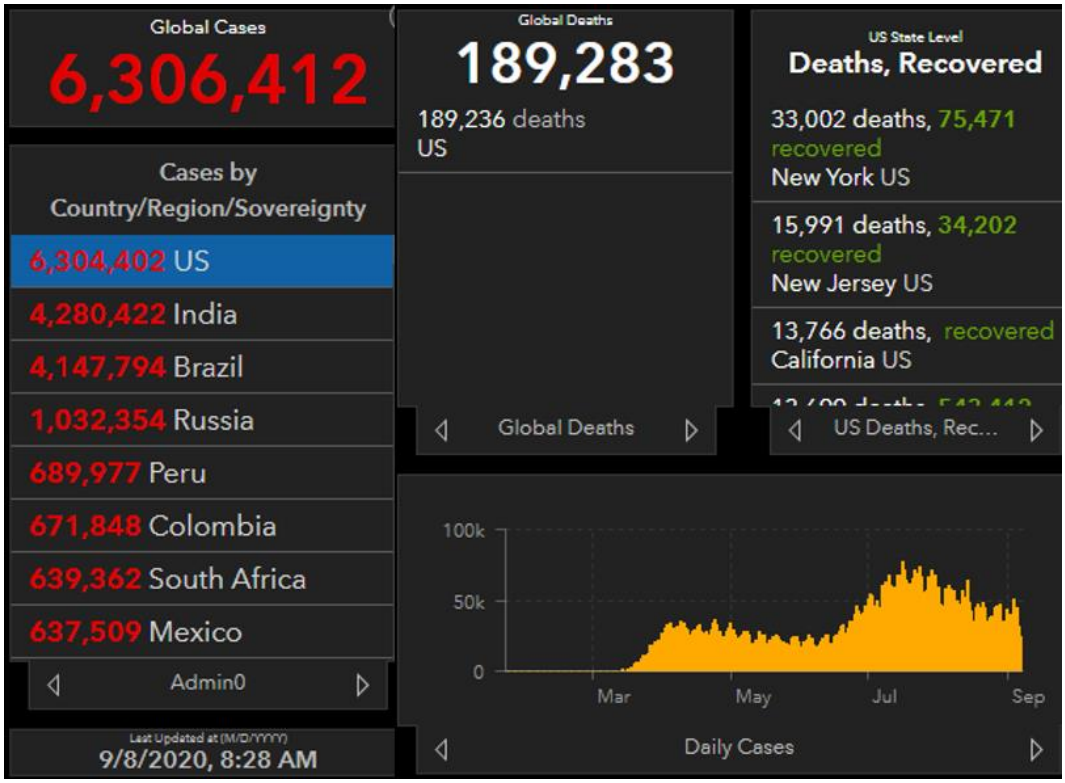

PLANNING

New HHS data reporting platform - Single data entry fulfills state and federal requirements. As announced to MHA member CEOs this week, 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.

Beginning today 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: Bed and PPE counts to be reported weekly on Fridays. Use this survey link weekly to report bed and PPE data.

For questions, please contact your Regional Coordinator or reference HHS' guidance and frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the agency's request for daily COVID-19-related hospital data reporting.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

MedPAC commissioners examine impact of COVID-19 on Medicare providers and enrollees, call for more detailed analysis of CARES Act provider funds. The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) convened a session to discuss issues surrounding the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These issues included the pandemic's effects on beneficiaries and providers in Medicare, as well as eventual effects on costs, access, and providers' financial performance.

MedPAC commissioners support policy option for Part B coverage for all vaccines without cost sharing. The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) convened a session to examine potential policy options for Medicare coverage of vaccines. The Commissioners universally supported the policy option that moves all vaccine coverage to Part B with no cost sharing in order to increase access, but the Commissioners suggested that a new pricing mechanism, such as basing prices on average sales prices (ASP), be explored to better control costs.

MedPAC commissioners expresses support for a limited telehealth expansion after the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) convened a session to examine the expansion of telehealth in Medicare during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) and how to make some of the flexibilities permanent. MedPAC staff presented policy option in which providers who participate in advanced alternative payment models (A-APMs) are permitted to continue the telehealth flexibilities, while fee-for-services (FFS) providers revert to pre-public health emergency telehealth rules or limited expansions.

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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