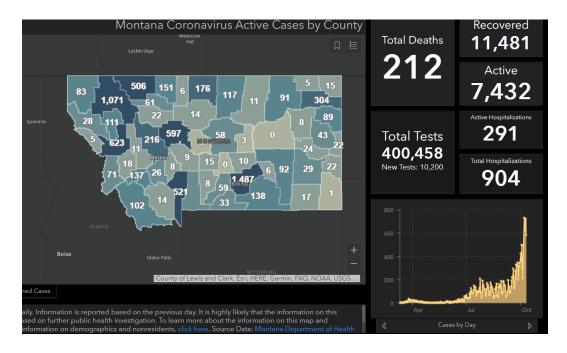


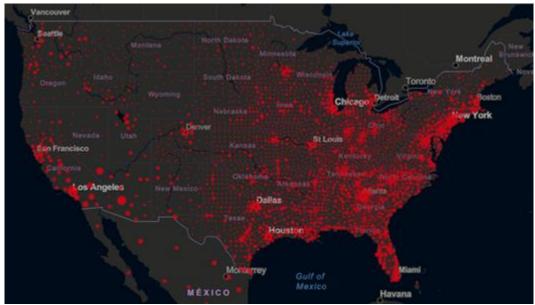
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

October 12, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana	19,125
New in last 72hrs: 1,726 (+3% avg. growth per day)	
Active Cases: 7,432 (+1,102)	
Recovered: 11,481 (+618)	
Hospitalizations, Total: 904 (+36)	
Hospitalizations, Active: 291 (+25)	
Deaths: 212 (Last 72hrs: +6)	
Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	
United States	7,765,684
New in last 72hrs: 153,912 (+less than 1% avg. growth per	
day)	
Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	
WA	93,035
ID	48,066
WY	7,611
ND	27,264
SD	28,564







OPERATIONS

NIH launches clinical trial for hospital patients, antibody research network. NIH has <u>launched</u> a global clinical trial to test a potential COVID-19 treatment that combines remdesivir with a highly concentrated antibody solution. The agency also <u>announced</u> a research network to study the immune response to COVID-19 and increase antibody testing capacity.

CDC: Addressing transmission among young adults an urgent priority. Among 767 hotspot counties for COVID-19 in June and July, early increases in the rate of positive tests for individuals under age 25 were followed by several weeks of rising positivity rates in older age groups, the CDC <u>reported</u> Friday. "Addressing transmission among young adults is an urgent public health priority," the authors said, noting that an increase in positive test results in older age groups "is likely to result in more hospitalizations, severe illnesses, and deaths."

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 <u>submit needs to their local DES</u> <u>coordinator</u> in order to receive an allocation of emergency PPE.

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 <u>posted</u> <u>here</u> once available.

COVID-19 Resource Library. MHA has built a <u>library</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

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

Montanans can also email questions to <u>covid19info@mt.gov</u>. 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-19related 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