

SITREP



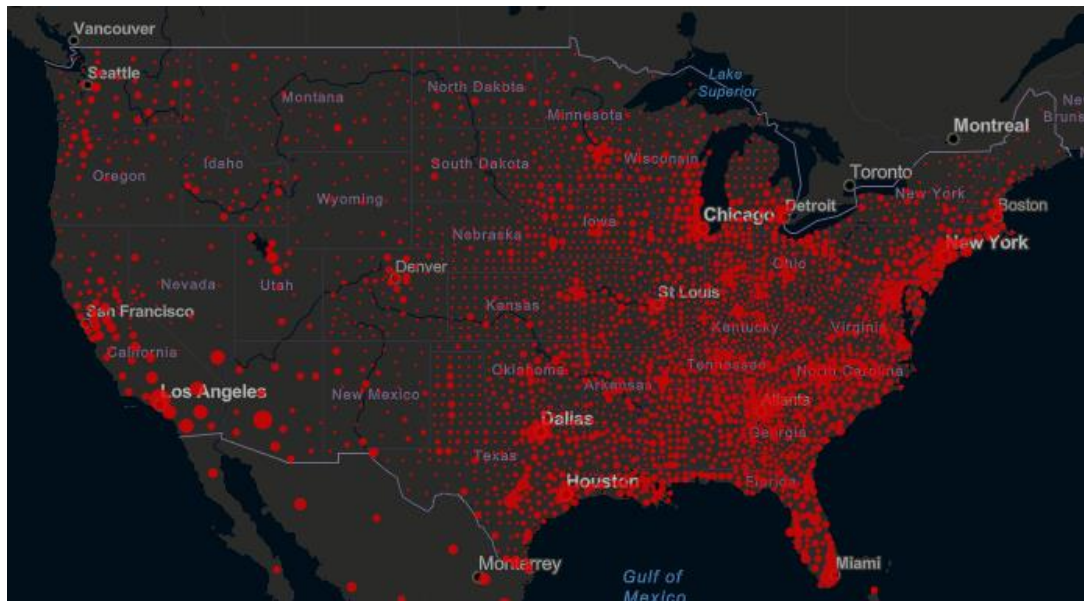
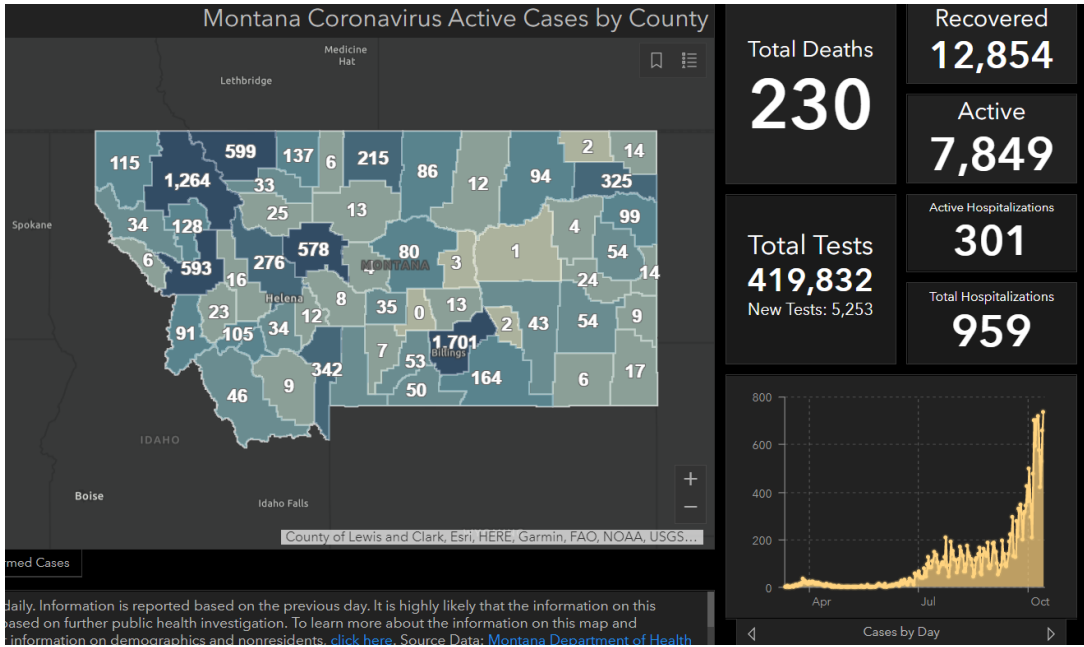
MONTANA
HOSPITAL
ASSOCIATION

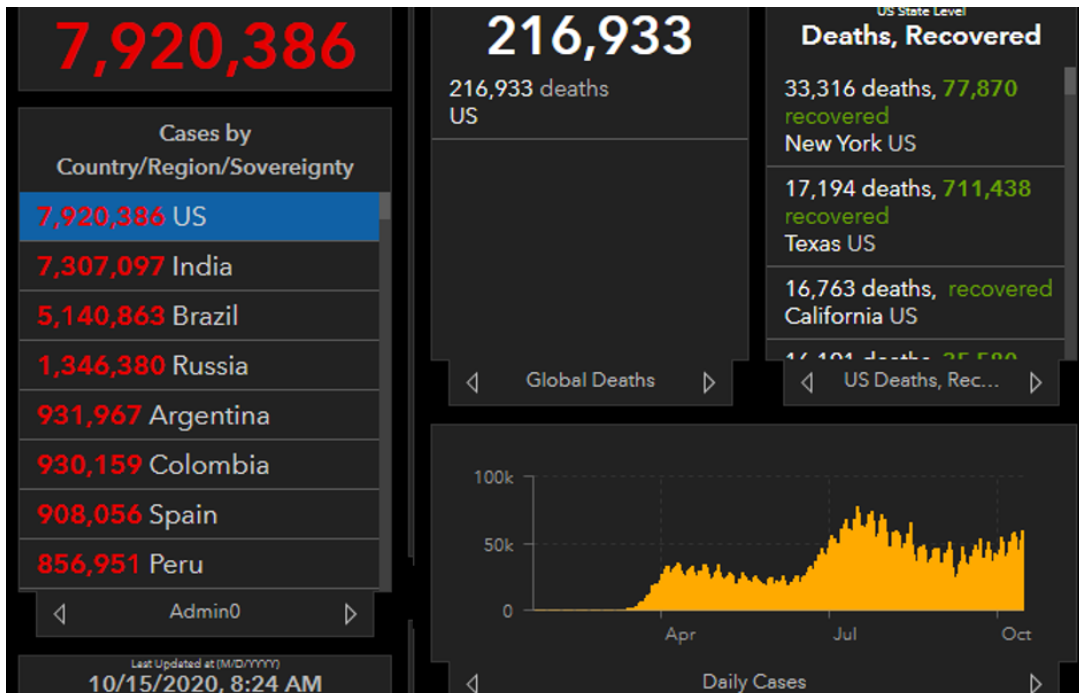
Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

October 15, 2020

COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 735 (+4%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 7,849 (-68)</i> <i>Recovered: 12,854 (+786)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 959 (+39)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 301 (+9)</i> <i>Deaths: 230 (Last 24hrs: +5)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	20,933
United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 55,476 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	7,920,386
WA	95,509
ID	49,892
WY	8,177
ND	29,653
SD	30,215





OPERATIONS

Vaccine-specific content added to CDC website. On Wednesday, the CDC added vaccine information to its COVID-19 [webpage](#). The new content includes what healthcare providers should know about US vaccination plans, how the CDC makes vaccination recommendations and answers to frequently asked questions.

HHS, DOD award \$481M for point-of-care COVID-19 test, announce vaccine manufacturer partnership. HHS and the Department of Defense Tuesday [awarded](#) \$481 million to Cue Health Inc. to expand production of a point-of-care COVID-19 molecular test with capabilities to produce results in 20 minutes. Also on Tuesday, HHS and DOD announced a separate, \$31 million agreement with Cytiva to expand the company's capacity to produce items essential to the production of COVID-19 vaccines.

NIH launches effort to identify promising COVID-19 treatments for clinical trials. On Tuesday, NIH [announced](#) a study designed to identify promising COVID-19 therapies and investigational drugs that merit larger clinical trials.

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

CMS adds 11 telehealth services on temporary basis; includes additional telehealth resources for Medicaid and CHIP. CMS [announced](#) it has added 11 new services to the Medicare telehealth list. The agency did so using the expedited process for adding telehealth services outlined in its May interim final

rule. These services are therefore temporarily added under the emergency authority granted to CMS during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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](#)

###