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Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

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Email the MHA Incident Management Team: esf8@mtha.org

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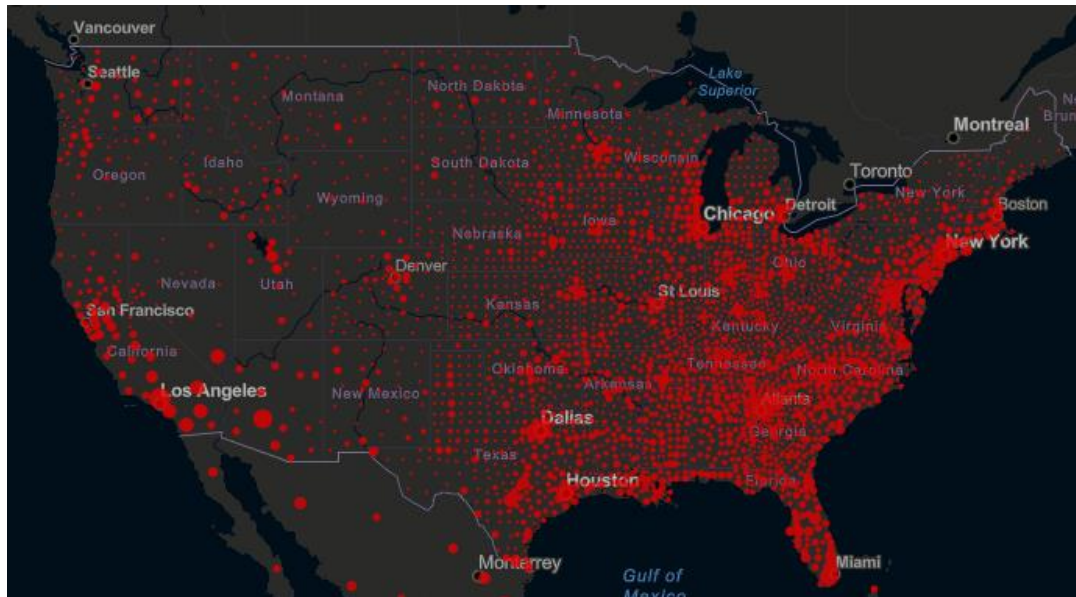
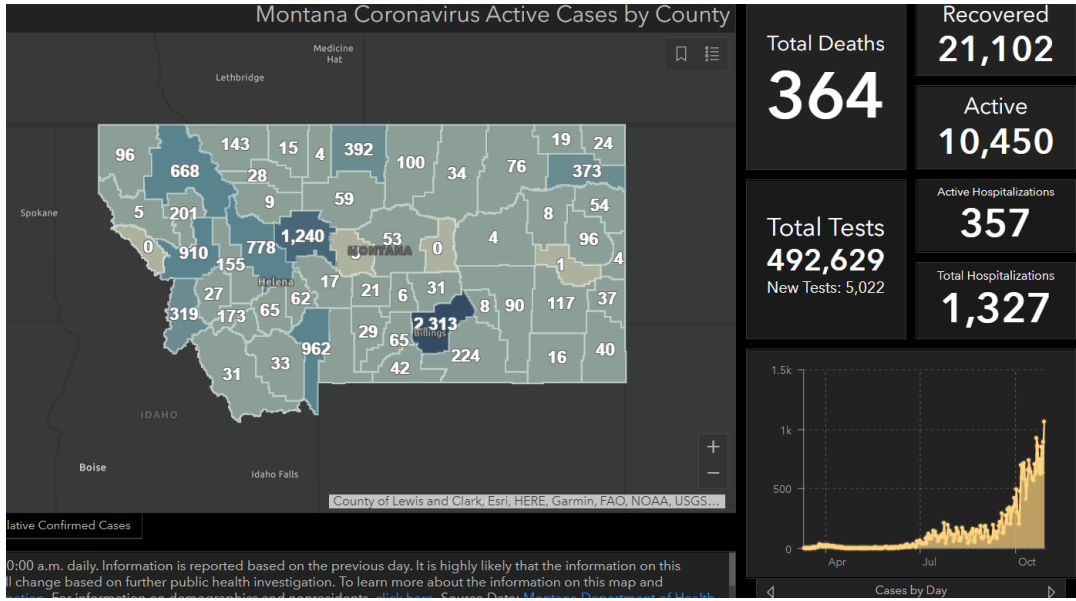
COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 1,063 (+3%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 10,450 (-24)</i> <i>Recovered: 21,102 (+1,060)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 1,327 (+15)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 357 (+16)</i> <i>Deaths: 364 (Last 24hrs: +27)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	31,916
United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 81,174 (+1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	8,955,035
WA	105,557
ID	62,746
WY	12,507
ND	42,483
SD	43,000

See the latest Montana reports on [COVID-19 in Schools](#), [COVID-19 in LTC and Assisted Living](#),

[Hospital Occupancy an8955035d Capacity](#) and the latest [State COVID-19 Epi Profile](#).

Source: [State of Montana DPHHS COVID-19 Demographics Webpage](#)





OPERATIONS

BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag CARD available for immediate distribution from MT DPHHS. The Montana DPHHS has made available for immediate distribution the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag CARD. See more information on test specifications and the reporting requirements [here](#). Submit requests to DPHHS for the BinaxNOW antigen test kits [here](#).

FDA updates remote monitoring guidance. The FDA Wednesday updated its [guidance](#) on enforcement policy for non-invasive remote monitoring devices that support patient monitoring during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

FDA approves generic intubation drugs. The FDA Wednesday approved two generic injectable drugs to facilitate tracheal intubation: [succinylcholine chloride](#) and [cisatracurium besylate](#). These drugs are intended to help meet the demand for skeletal muscle relaxation during surgery or mechanical ventilation during the COVID-19 emergency.

PLANNING

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 single-entry system is especially critical with CMS' 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.

As of October 1, 2020 long-term care facilities must report all PPE and bed reporting to EMResources. The previous weekly is inactive on October 1, 2020. Facilities that need assistance should email hppcoordinators@mtha.org.

For questions, please contact your [Regional Coordinator](#).

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

CMS issues COVID-19 Interim Final Rule on payment policies for vaccine, treatment and diagnostic coverage. CMS [released](#) its fourth COVID-19 [interim final rule](#) (IFC), which includes several provisions to prepare for coverage of forthcoming vaccines and treatments for the disease. See the [fact sheet](#).

The new rule outlines policy changes in the following key areas:

- **COVID-19 vaccines:** The rule implements coverage policies for vaccines and their administration for Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP beneficiaries.
- **COVID-19 treatments:** The IFC also implements Medicare payment policies for authorized COVID-19 treatments in the inpatient and outpatient settings.

- **Price transparency:** CMS is requiring providers to publicly display the cash price for COVID-19 diagnostic tests.
- **Additional provisions:** A number of other related changes include those pertaining to coverage of COVID-19 preventive services; extension of the CMS Comprehensive Joint Replacement model; revisions to Section 1332 waiver policy; and changes to rules around states receiving increases in their federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

HRSA distributes first COVID-19 quality incentive payments to nursing homes.

Over 10,000 eligible nursing homes will receive a [portion of \\$333 million](#) in COVID-19 Provider Relief Funds for meeting infection control and mortality criteria in effect from August through September. The incentive payments are the first of four distributions available to eligible nursing homes based on monthly performance through December.

LOGISTICS

HHS to purchase antibody treatment for COVID-19 outpatients. HHS and the Department of Defense (DOD) have [agreed](#) to purchase the first 300,000 doses of the investigational antibody drug bamlanivimab, also known as LY-CoV555, which state and territorial health departments will distribute to healthcare facilities for use in COVID-19 outpatients if the FDA authorizes the drug. Under the agreement the federal government also can purchase up to 650,000 additional doses of the intravenous infusion drug, which is currently in phase 3 clinical trials.

Joint Cybersecurity advisory: Ransomware activity targeting the healthcare and public health sector. CISA, FBI, and HHS have credible information of an increased and imminent cybercrime threat to US hospitals and healthcare providers. CISA, FBI, and HHS are sharing this information to provide warning to healthcare providers to ensure that they take timely and reasonable precautions to protect their networks from these threats. Read the updated brief [here](#).

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.

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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