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Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

Not sure where to send your COVID-19-related question?
Email the MHA Incident Management Team: esf8@mtha.org

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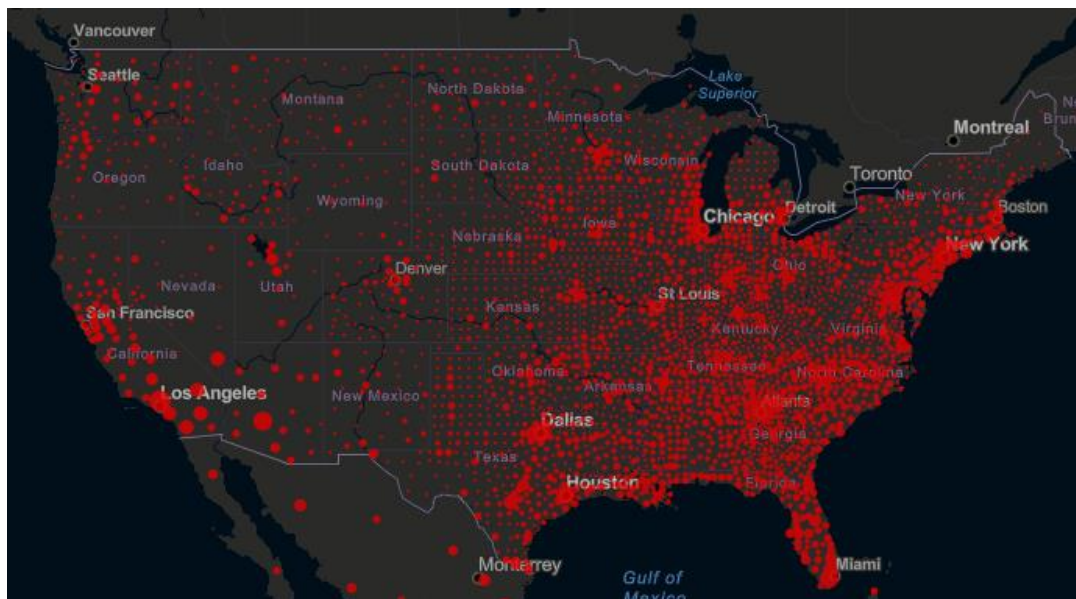
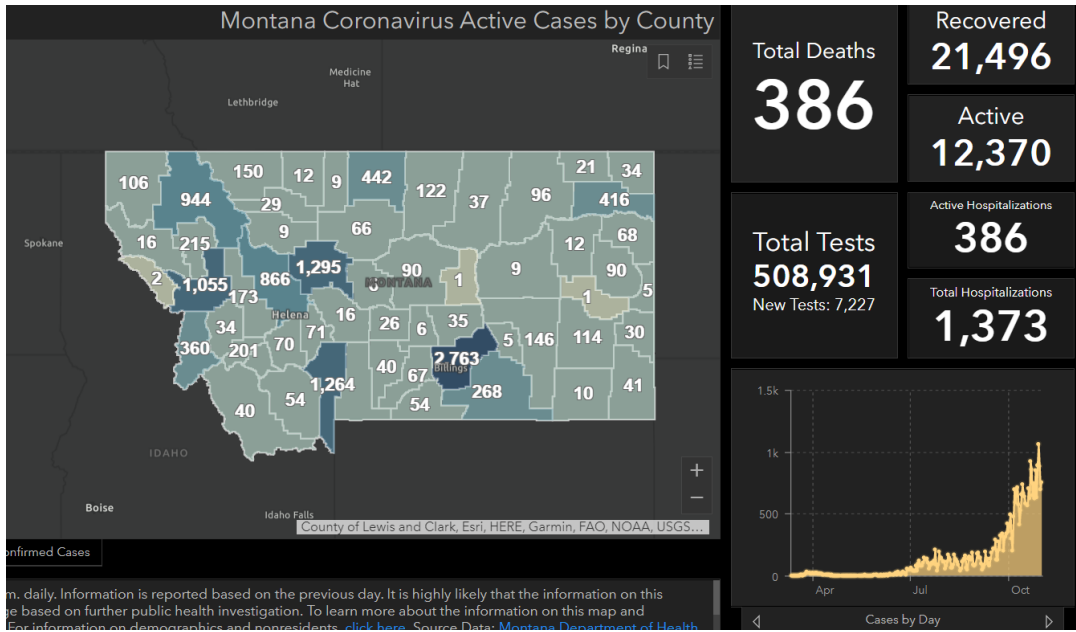
COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 72hrs: 2,336 (+2% average growth per day)</i> <i>Active Cases: 12,370 (+1,920)</i> <i>Recovered: 21,496 (+394)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 1,373 (+46)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 386 (+29)</i> <i>Deaths: 386 (Last 72hrs: +22)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	34,252
United States <i>New in last 72hrs: 265,898 (+1% average growth per day)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	9,220,933
WA	108,315
ID	65,088
WY	13,723
ND	45,043
SD	47,324

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

[Hospital Occupancy and 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](#).

Comments due Dec. 7 on NIH-wide strategic plan for COVID-19 research. NIH [issued](#) a request for information (RFI) to gather public input on the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for COVID-19 Research. The [strategic plan](#) outlines the following five priorities and three crosscutting strategies:

- Improve fundamental knowledge of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19;
- Advance detection and diagnosis of COVID-19;
- Advance treatment of COVID-19;
- Improve prevention of SARS-CoV-2 infection; and
- Prevent and redress poor COVID-19 outcomes in health disparity and vulnerable populations.

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

Minimum loan size reduced for certain Main Street program options. The Federal Reserve Board Friday [reduced](#) the minimum loan size for three Main Street Lending Program facilities from \$250,000 to \$100,000 and adjusted associated fees to support smaller organizations facing continued revenue shortfalls due to the pandemic. The board and Treasury Department also [clarified](#) that certain lenders and borrowers may exclude PPP loans totaling under \$2 million when determining the maximum loan size under the Main Street program.

LOGISTICS

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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