December 3, 2020

COVID-19

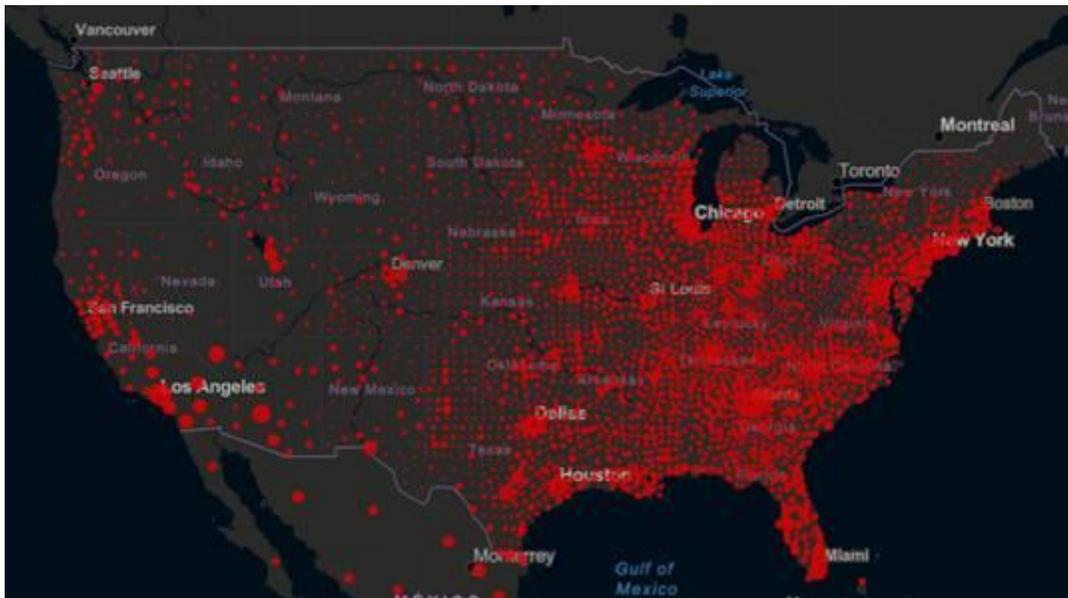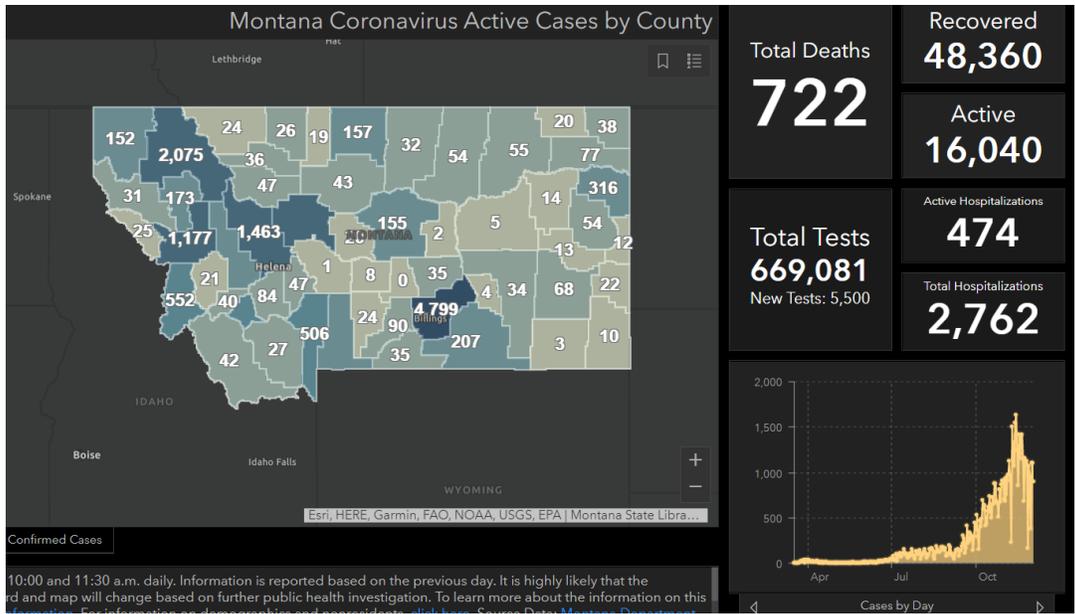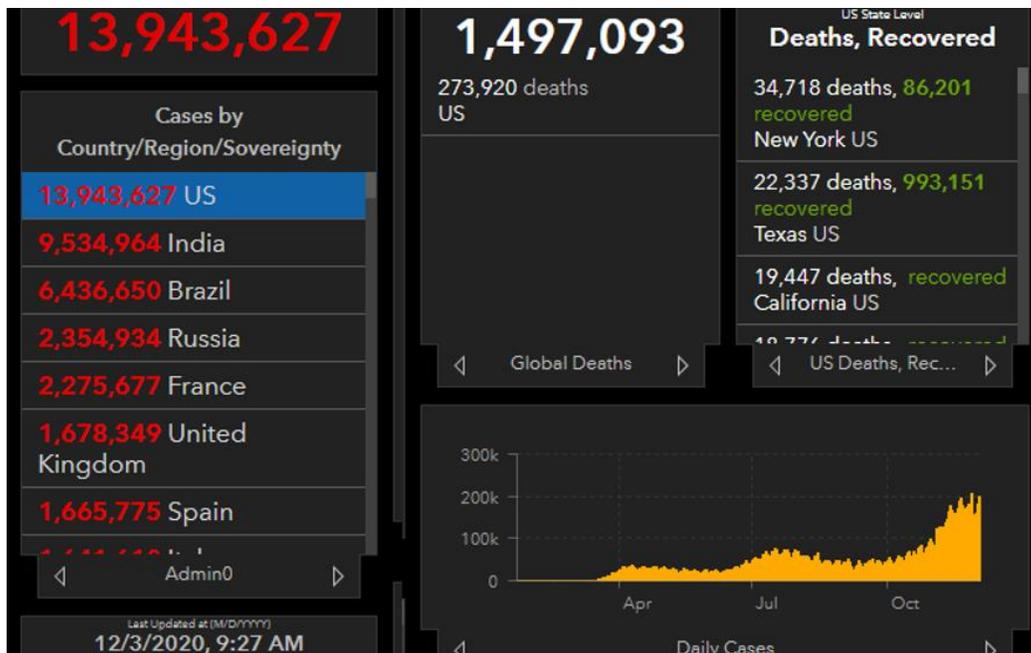| REPORTED CASES	
Montana *New in last 24hrs: 899 (+more than 1%)* *Active Cases: 16,040 (+54)* *Recovered: 48,360 (+827)* *Hospitalizations, Total: 2,762 (+29)* *Hospitalizations, Active: 474 (-4)* *Deaths: 722 (Last 24hrs: +9)* Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	**65,122**
United States *New in last 24hrs: 192,345 (+more than 1%)* Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	**13,943,627**
WA	**170,342**
ID	**104,734**
WY	**34,491**
ND	**80,693**
SD	**82,203**

See the latest Montana reports on *COVID-19 in Schools*, *COVID-19 in LTC and Assisted Living*,
Hospital Occupancy and Caa pacity and the latest *State COVID-19 Epi Profile*.
Source: State of Montana DPHHS COVID-19 Demographics Webpage

Montana Coronavirus Active Cases by County

Total Deaths	Recovered
722	48,360
	Active
	16,040

Total Tests
669,081
New Tests: 5,500

Active Hospitalizations
474

Total Hospitalizations
2,762

Cases by Day

Confirmed Cases

10:00 and 11:30 a.m. daily. Information is reported based on the previous day. It is highly likely that the ...rd and map will change based on further public health investigation. To learn more about the information on this ...

Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, EPA | Montana State Libra...

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OPERATIONS

CDC advisors issue COVID-19 vaccine initial phase recommendations. An independent advisory group for the CDC on Tuesday recommended healthcare personnel and long-term care facility residents receive vaccinations against COVID-19 in the program's initial phase. Based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendations, 24 million Americans would be eligible for vaccination during Phase 1a of CDC's distribution plan, which would begin following FDA approval of a candidate vaccine; this includes the nation's 21 million healthcare workers.

CDC announces shorter quarantine options for people exposed to COVID-19 virus. The CDC on Wednesday announced shorter quarantine options, based on local circumstances and resources, for people exposed to the COVID-19 virus. Under the new options, individuals exposed to the COVID-19 virus may end the recommended 14-day quarantine after 10 days if they reported no symptoms during daily monitoring and after seven days if they reported no symptoms and a diagnostic specimen test in the prior 48 hours was negative. In both cases, the individuals should continue symptom monitoring and masking through Day 14, among other actions.

AHA COVID-19 Living Learning Network session Dec. 10 on resources to prevent and control infection. Speakers from the AHA, CDC and American College of

Emergency Physicians will share the latest guidance and resources for overcoming challenges when implementing and maintaining infection prevention and control protocols in the emergency department during COVID-19. Register for the Dec. 10 session [here](#).

Point-of-Care BinaxNOW antigen test kits available for immediate distribution in Montana. The Montana DPHHS has made available for immediate distribution the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag CARD. See complete information on test specifications and the reporting requirements [here](#). CDC *Considerations for Use of Point-of-Care Antigen Testing by State and Territorial Health Agencies* [here](#).

See November 13 updates [here](#).

Request BinaxNOW antigen test kits from MT DPHHS [here](#).

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.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

AHA launches COVID-19 Snapshot for Capitol Hill staff, highlights dire circumstances facing hospitals and health systems. On Wednesday the AHA launched a new report to convey to congressional staff hospitals' and health systems' desperate need for a new COVID-19 relief package. COVID-19 Snapshot combines important data points with news articles and testimonials from the field to reiterate the dire circumstances hospitals and health systems face. The newsletter will publish twice weekly for the duration of Congress' lame-duck session.

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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