December 16, 2020

COVID-19

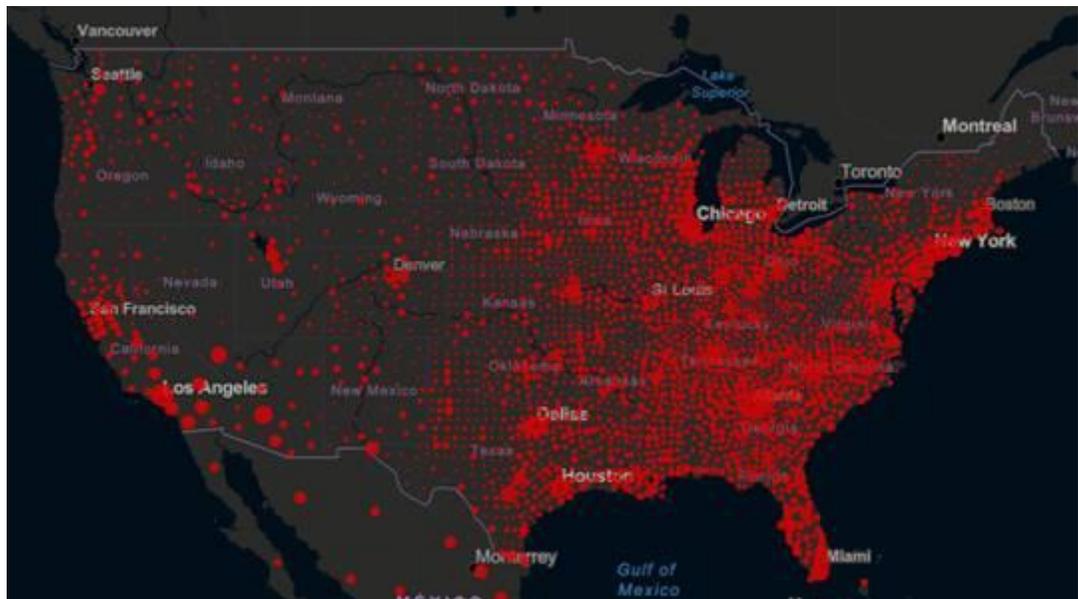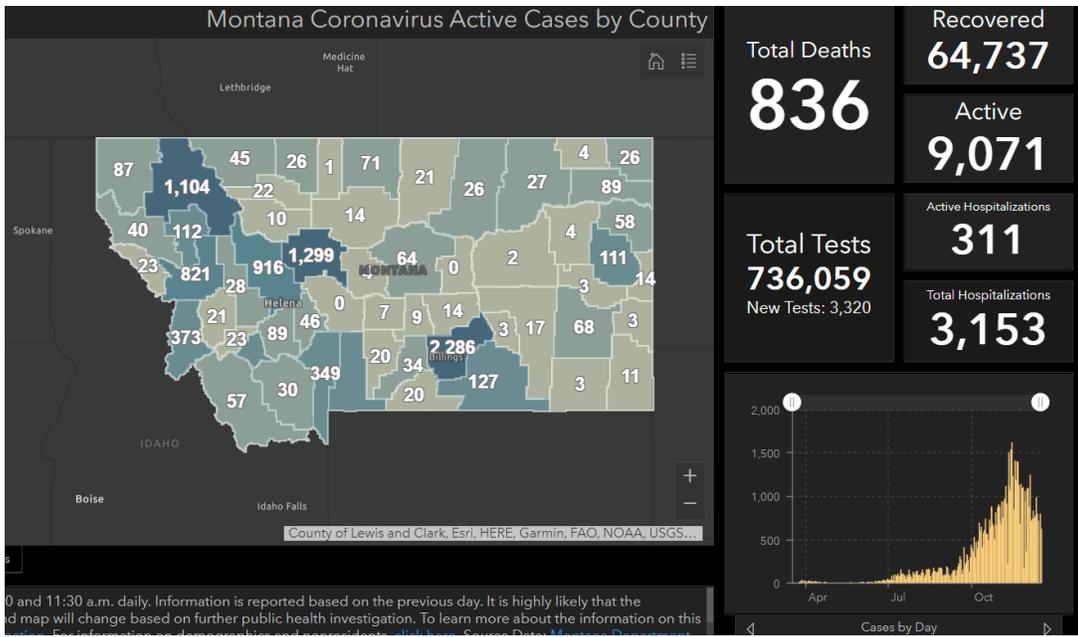| REPORTED CASES	
Montana *New in last 24hrs: 629 (+less than 1%)* *Active Cases: 9,071 (+155)* *Recovered: 64,737 (+439)* *Hospitalizations, Total: 3,153 (+34)* *Hospitalizations, Active: 311 (-27)* *Deaths: 836 (Last 48hrs: +10)* Source: **Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)**	**74,644**
United States *New in last 24hrs: 206,097 (+more than 1%)* Source: **Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard**	16,751,562
WA	**205,069**
ID	**124,019**
WY	**40,064**
ND	**88,393**
SD	**91,699**

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**

Montana Coronavirus Active Cases by County

County values (map)
87, 45, 26, 1, 71, 4, 26
1,104, 22, 21, 26, 27, 89
40, 112, 10, 14, 4, 58
23, 821, 916, 1,299, 64, 0, 2, 111, 14
28, MONTANA, 3
21, 0, 7, 9, 14, 3, 17, 68, 3
373, 23, 89, 46, 20, 34, 2 286, 3, 3, 11
57, 30, 349, 20, 127, 3

Total Deaths
836

Recovered
64,737

Active
9,071

Total Tests
736,059
New Tests: 3,320

Active Hospitalizations
311

Total Hospitalizations
3,153

Cases by Day

Information is reported based on the previous day. It is highly likely that the
map will change based on further public health investigation. To learn more about the information on this

Cases by Country/Region/Sovereignty

16,751,562

| 16,751,562 US |
| 9,932,547 India |
| 6,970,034 Brazil |
| 2,708,940 Russia |
| 2,447,458 France |
| 1,898,447 Turkey |
| 1,893,468 United Kingdom |

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1,640,867

304,589 deaths
US

◁ Global Deaths ▷

300k
200k
100k
0
  Apr   Jul   Oct

◁ Daily Cases ▷

US State Level
Deaths, Recovered

35,831 deaths, 92,136 recovered
New York US

24,648 deaths, 1,203,398 recovered
Texas US

21,501 deaths, recovered
California US

◁ US Deaths, Rec... ▷

OPERATIONS

Updated analysis of COVID-19 cases in Montana. Montana DPHHS has released an updated epidemiological review of COVID-19 cases in the state. The report is based on COVID-19 case information available as of December 11.

FDA verifies safety, efficacy data for Moderna COVID-19 vaccine candidate. Ahead of a Dec. 17 meeting of its Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee, the FDA released a briefing document confirming Moderna's data on the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine candidate. FDA said the candidate is 94.1% effective in preventing severe COVID-19, with "no specific safety concerns identified that would preclude issuance of an (emergency use authorization)." Like the Pfizer vaccine, the Moderna candidate requires two doses. Once approved for emergency use, Moderna is expected to supply 200 million vaccine doses to the U.S. through the end of 2021.

FDA authorizes first over-the-counter fully at-home COVID-19 test. On Tuesday, Dec. 15 the FDA issued an emergency use authorization for the first over-the-counter fully at-home diagnostic test for COVID-19. The antigen test for persons age 2 and older can detect the SARS-CoV-2 virus in a nasal swab sample in about 20 minutes. The new Ellume COVID-19 Home Test is less sensitive and specific than typical molecular tests run in a lab.

FDA approves new drug application. The FDA Monday approved an abbreviated new drug application for [midazolam injection](), a drug in short supply used to sedate intubated and mechanically ventilated patients and in critical care settings.

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 issues updated COVID-19 data reporting guidance. HHS on Nov. 9 updated its [guidance to hospitals]() on the reporting of COVID-19-related data. The guidance includes two key changes stemming from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Dec. 2 [interim final rule]() expanding the requirement for hospitals to report COVID-19 data. Influenza data fields will be mandatory starting on Friday, December 18. Therapeutic data fields are now optional, but will likely be mandatory beginning on Friday, January 8.

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

Latest issue of AHA COVID-19 Snapshot highlights need for more federal relief. The AHA today released a new edition of the COVID-19 Snapshot, highlighting the critical needs of hospitals and health systems during the deepening public health emergency. The Snapshot combines important data points with news articles and testimonials from the field to underscore the importance of passing federal relief legislation to ensure that hospitals and health systems can continue to deliver care to patients and families.

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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