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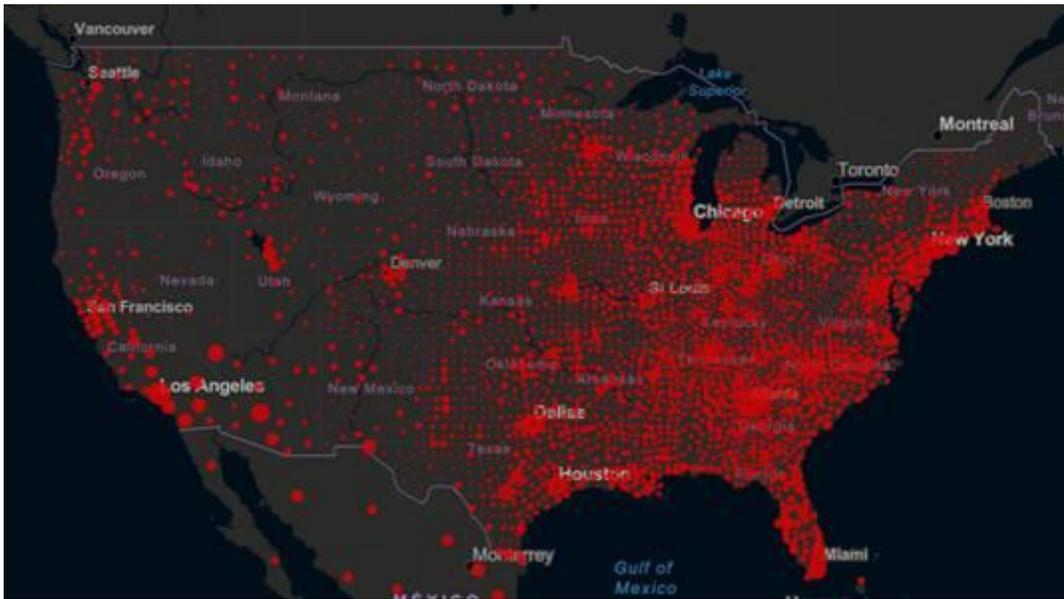
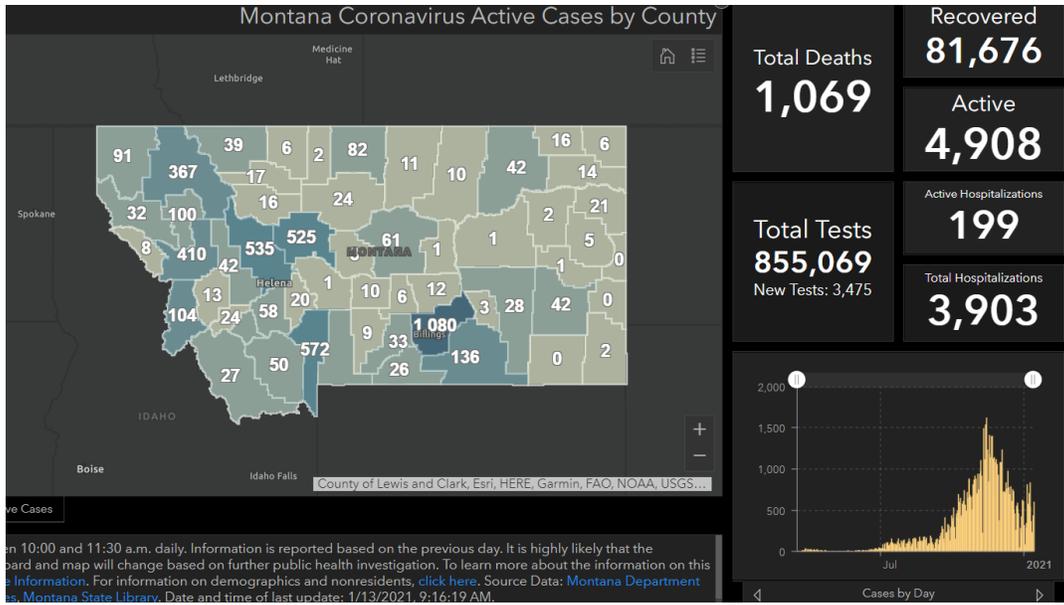
## COVID-19

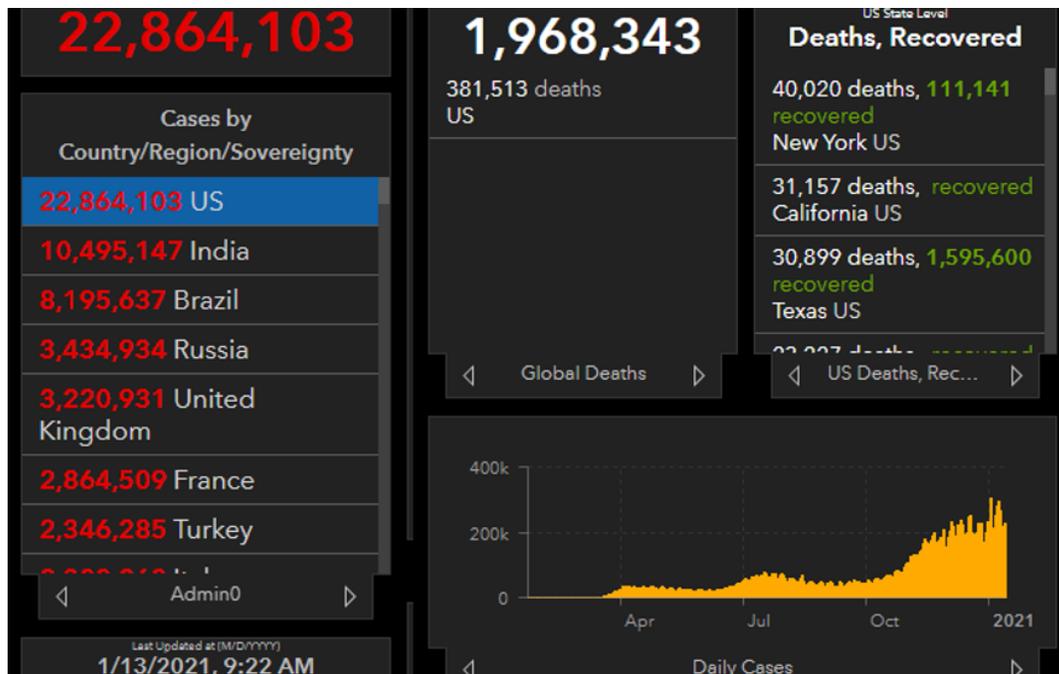
REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 597 (+less than 1%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 4,908 (+81)</i> <i>Recovered: 81,676 (+493)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 3,903 (+20)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 199 (+12)</i> <i>Deaths: 1,069 (last 24hrs: +2)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a> (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	<b>87,653</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 218,759 (+1%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>22,864,103</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>278,544</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>151,273</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>48,072</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>94,968</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>103,743</b>

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

**Operation Warp Speed plots new path for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, expands population of vaccine-eligible patients.** HHS and Operation Warp Speed on Tuesday, Jan. 12 [said](#) they will immediately broaden the population eligible to be vaccinated from COVID-19. In an effort to quickly increase the number of vaccinated individuals, the federal government will ask states to begin vaccinating patients over the age of 65 and those with underlying health conditions that place them at risk for COVID-19. The basis upon which vaccines are distributed to states is also changing; weekly shipments of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be determined by the size of states' 65-and-over population, along with how quickly shots are administered.

**CDC adds vaccination data to COVID-19 data tracker, updates clinical guidance on mRNA vaccines.** The CDC is tracking COVID-19 vaccinations through its [COVID Data Tracker](#), validating the numbers with jurisdictions through the data submission process, CDC announced. The CDC data may differ from numbers posted by the jurisdictions due to the timing of reporting and website updates, the agency said. CDC encourages healthcare providers to report vaccine-related adverse events through the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#). Individual patients also can self-report potential adverse events through the agency's new

patient reporting platform, [v-safe](#). CDC also recently updated its [clinical guidance](#) for mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.

**HHS launches web-based monoclonal antibody treatment locator.** HHS on Monday, Jan. 11 [released](#) an [outpatient treatment locator](#) for monoclonal antibody therapeutics. States and territorial health departments must opt in to have information for facilities within their jurisdictions available in the locator. The locator launched with 22 state and territorial health departments opting in, and HHS is encouraging all states and territories to participate. Montana is not currently participating in the program.

## 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 CMS' 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 mandatory beginning today, 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](mailto:hppcoordinators@mtha.org).

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

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

**CMS launches web tool for waiver requests.** Healthcare providers can now [apply online](#) for Section 1135 waivers related to the COVID-19 pandemic or other public health emergencies, the CMS [announced](#). CMS expects the tool to reduce the burden on providers by streamlining how they document and submit 1135 waiver requests and PHE-related inquiries.

## 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

**CDC updates COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit.** The CDC recently updated its [COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#) for medical centers, clinics, and clinicians. Resources include social media resources, videos and FAQs as well as other digital and print resources.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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