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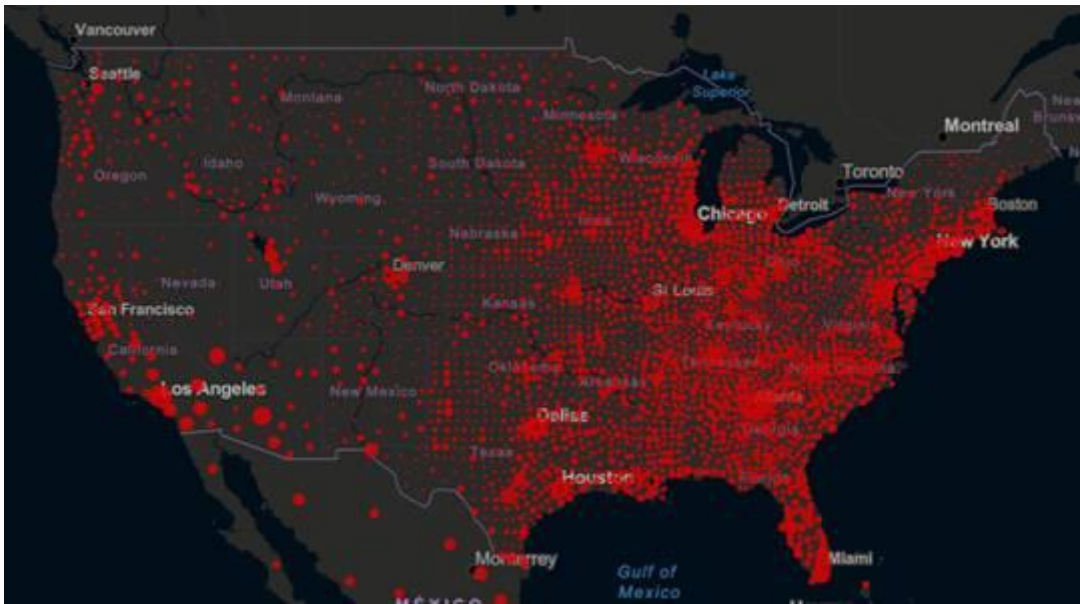
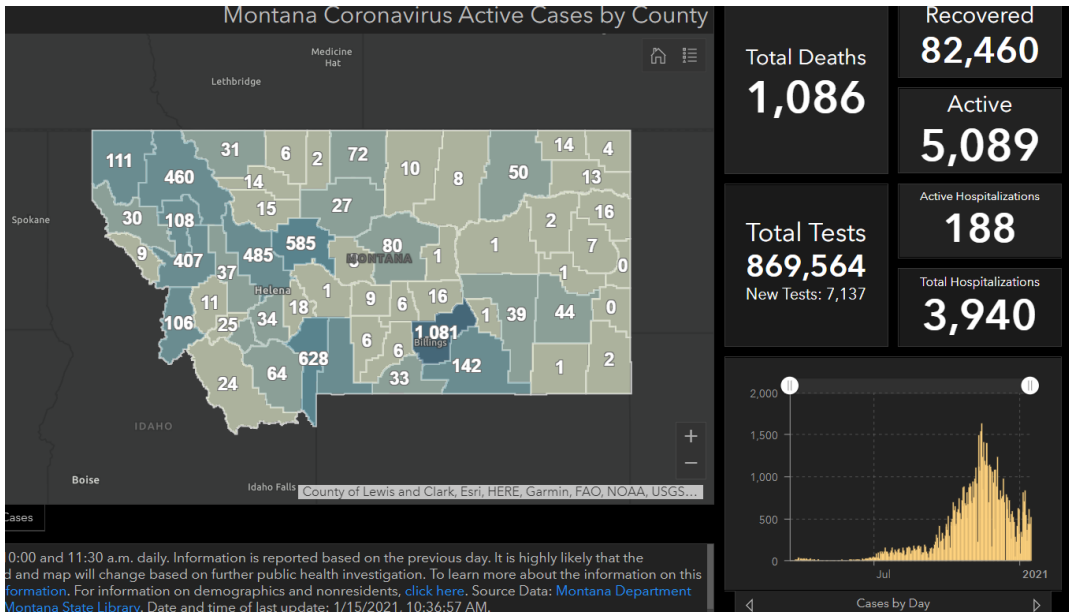
## COVID-19

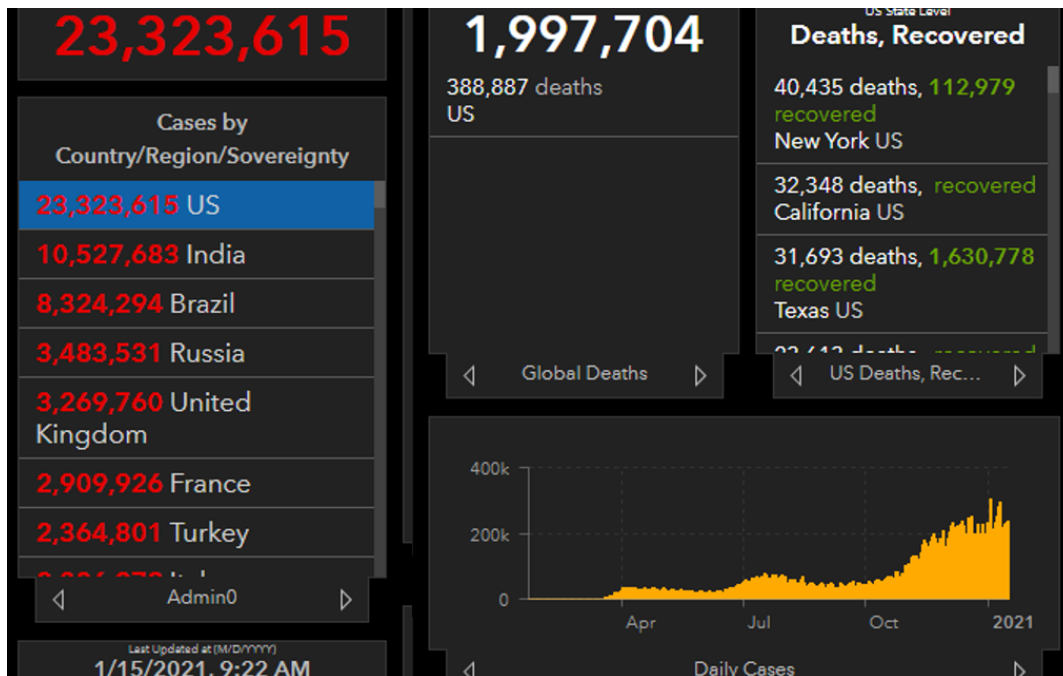
REPORTED CASES	
<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 515 (+0.5%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 5,089 (+246)</i> <i>Recovered: 82,460 (+270)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 3,940 (+23)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 188 (-4)</i> <i>Deaths: 1,086 (last 24hrs: +9)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a> (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	<b>88,635</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 24hrs: 220,065 (+1%)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>23,323,615</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>283,777</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>153,358</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>48,701</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>95,378</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>104,512</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](#)





## PLANNING

**HHS requests hospital data on COVID-19 vaccinations.** HHS on Tuesday, Jan. 12 updated its [guidance](#) to hospitals on the reporting of COVID-19-related data. Specifically, HHS requests that hospitals report data on COVID-19 vaccine administration to healthcare personnel and patients once per week, starting on Wednesday, Jan. 13. Montana's Regional Hospital Preparedness Coordinators have confirmed that the vaccine data requested will need to be reported separately from the imMTrax Immunization Information System. These fields should be active in EMResource by Monday, January 18. Hospitals will be contacted directly with details by the Regional Coordinators.

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

**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](#).

## LOGISTICS

**PPE available via Healthequip app.** AHA, through the [100 Million Mask Challenge](#), continues to work with novel manufacturers and suppliers to support hospitals' and health systems' PPE needs. By using the [HealthEquip app](#), hospitals can gain access to a large supply of donated surgical masks and face shields to meet their needs. Suppliers are vetted using processes established by [AHRMM](#) and [HealthEquip](#). Also, using a generous donation from the National Bobblehead Museum, the 100 Million Mask Challenge is able to purchase specific PPE (e.g., 3M N95 masks, any size nitrile gloves, etc.) that hospitals may need. Quantities are limited and matched based on need and availability; providers are responsible

for a small processing fee and shipping costs. To request a donation or learn more, visit [Healthequip](#).

**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 edition of AHA COVID-19 Snapshot highlights challenges facing hospitals.**

The AHA today released the latest edition of the [COVID-19 Snapshot](#), which underscores the dire 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 illustrate the importance of providing hospitals and health systems with additional resources and support so they can continue to deliver care to patients and families.

**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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