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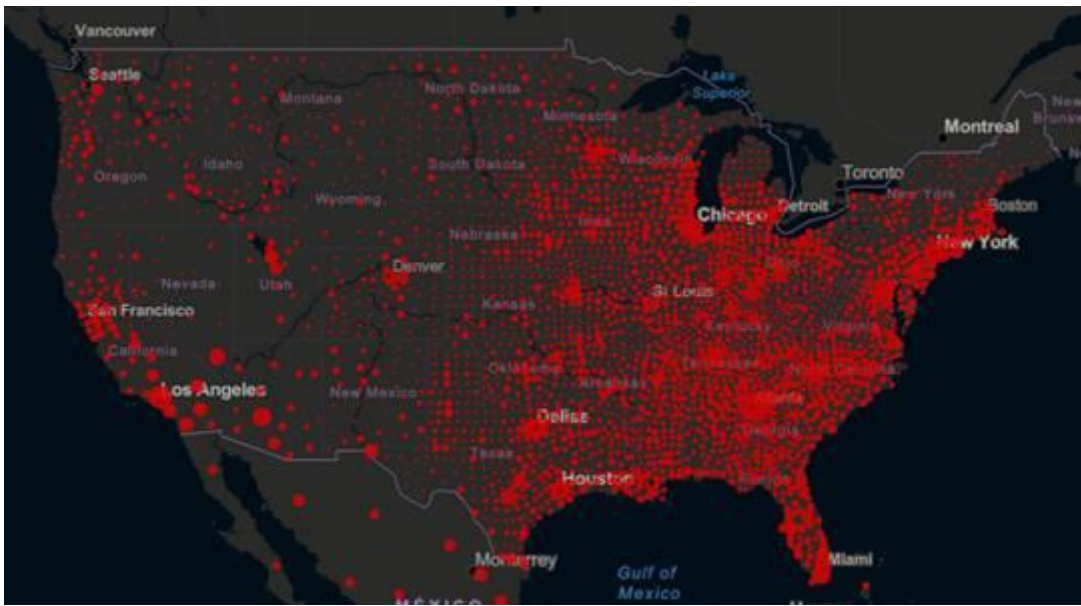
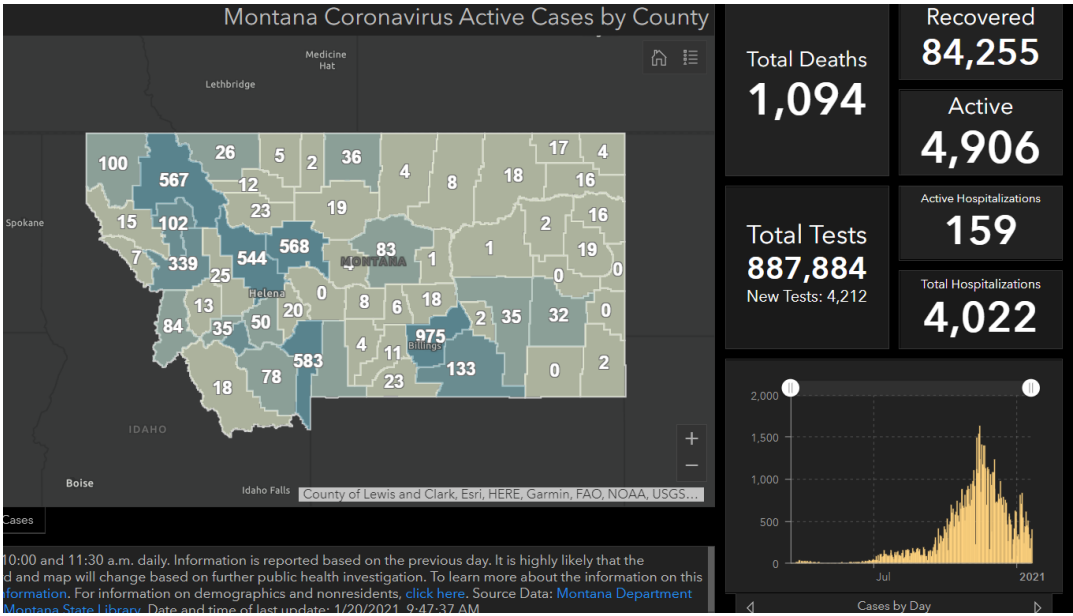
COVID-19

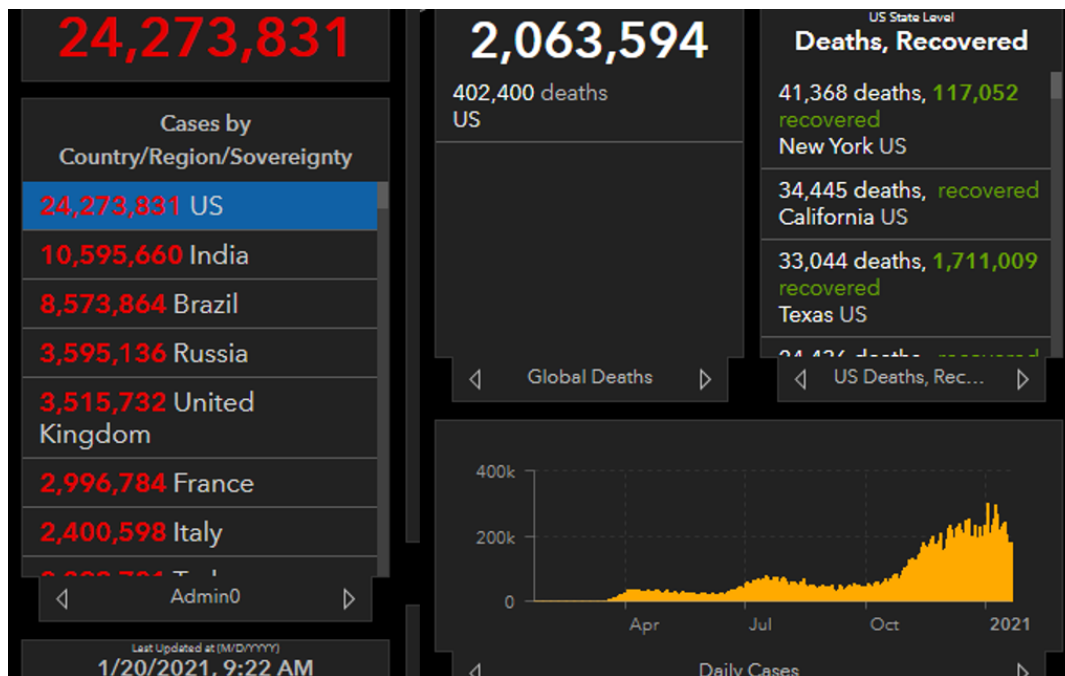
REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New in last 24hrs: 401 (+less than 1%)</i> <i>Active Cases: 4,906 (+40)</i> <i>Recovered: 84,255 (+430)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 4,022 (+30)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 159 (-4)</i> <i>Deaths: 1,094 (last 24hrs: +1)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	90,255
United States <i>New in last 24hrs: 179,135 (+less than 1%)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	24,273,831
WA	289,939
ID	156,778
WY	49,922
ND	96,071
SD	105,786

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 are now live in EMResource.

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 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

HHS invests in immunization information sharing expansion. HHS on Tuesday, Jan. 19 [announced](#) a \$20 million investment in several initiatives that will help increase data sharing between health information exchanges and immunization information systems. The funds, made possible through the CARES Act, will allow the expansion of the Office of the National Coordinator's Strengthening the Technical Advancement and Readiness of Public Health Agencies via Health Information Exchange (STAR HIE) Program to help public health agencies track and identify patients who have yet to receive their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and better identify those who may be high-risk who have not yet received a vaccination. ONC also will award funds to the Association of State and Territorial

Health Officials and the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization to support immunization-related health information exchange collaborations.

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.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

HHS has delayed the reporting timeline for payments received through the Provider Relief Fund. The department previously planned for reporting to begin Jan. 15, with the first deadline being Feb. 15. However, HHS said providers may only register for access to the portal and the Feb. 15 deadline does not apply. See the [recent notice](#) on reporting requirements from Jan. 15 [here](#).

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

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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