



Montana Hospital Association - Situation Report

**Publication notice:**

Starting today the SITREP will begin a new publication schedule of twice per week on Mondays and Wednesdays.

January 25, 2021  
**COVID-19**

**BY THE NUMBERS: COVID-19 IN MONTANA & SURROUNDING AREAS**

1 /19/2020 through 1/25/2021

<p><b>143</b> ▼ Down from 185</p> <p><b>COVID-19 Hospitalizations</b> 7 Day Average</p>	<p><b>Total Deaths / Recovered Cases</b> <b>1/24/2021</b></p> <p>SD - 1,705 / 101,438 ID - 1,669 / 75,752 ND - 1,436 / 94,309 <b>MT - 1,151 / 85,881</b> WY - 571/ 48,571</p> <p><small>Ranked by highest # of total deaths</small></p>	<p><b>New Daily Cases</b> <b>7 Day Average (Ranked)</b></p> <p>1. WA - 4,604    4. WY - 256* 2. ID - 566        5. SD - 208 3. <b>MT - 325</b>    6. ND - 136</p> <p><small>*6 Day Average (no data for 1/23/21)</small></p>
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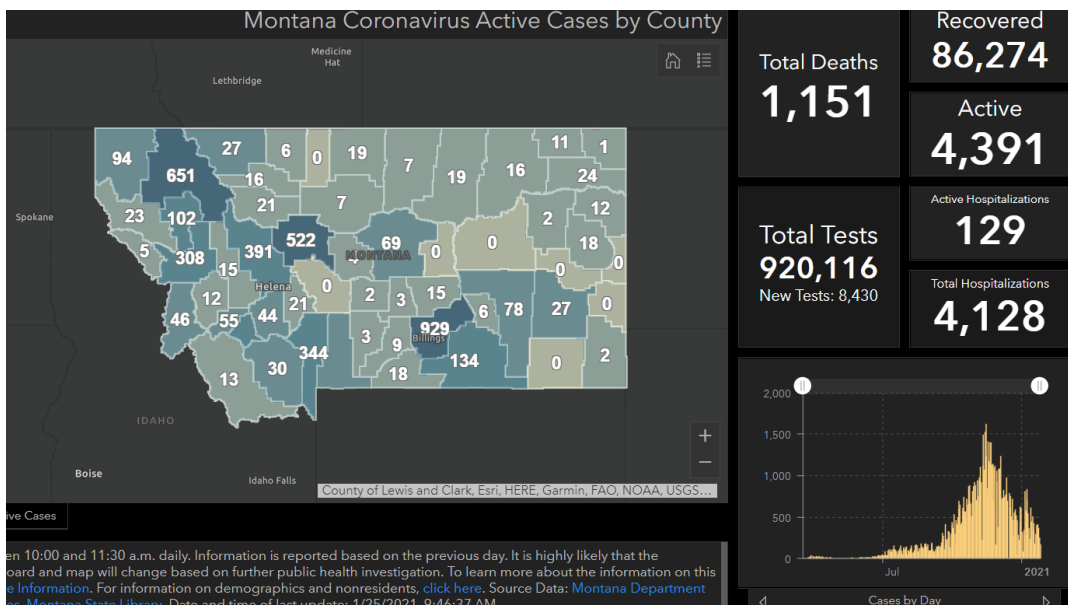
<p><b>4,734</b> ▼ Down from 4,974</p> <p><b>Active Daily Cases</b> 7 Day Average</p>	<p><b>8</b> ▲ Up from 5</p> <p><b>Daily Death Rate</b> 7 Day Average</p>	<p><b>MT Active Cases</b></p> <p><small>July 6 - Jan. 25, 2021</small></p>
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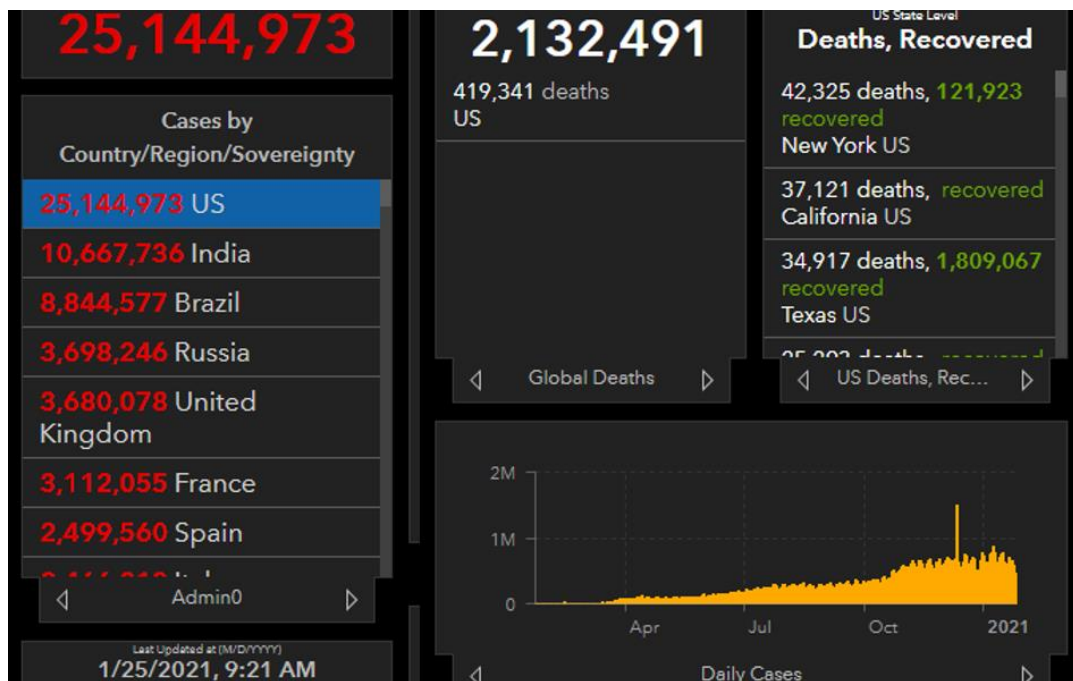
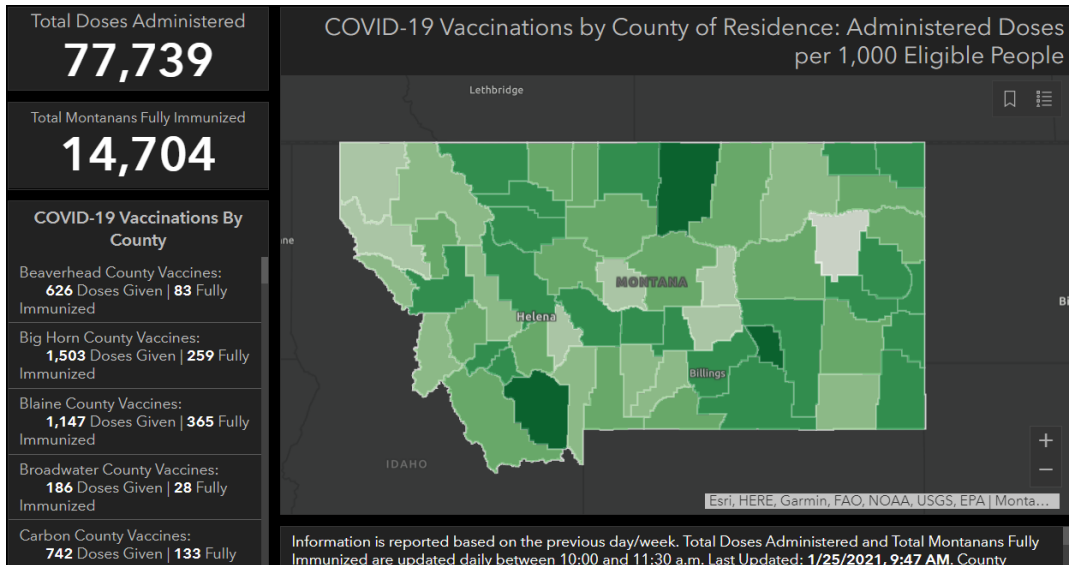
Source: [Montana COVID-19 Dashboard](#) (Updated 10:00 a.m.)

**REPORTED CASES**

<b>Montana</b> <i>New in last 72hrs: 767 (+less than 0.5% avg. growth per day)</i> <i>Active Cases: 4,391 (-459)</i> <i>Recovered: 86,274 (+1,179)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 4,128 (+47)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 129 (-9)</i> <i>Deaths: 1,151 (last 72hrs: +47)</i> Source: <a href="#">Montana COVID-19 Dashboard</a> (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	<b>91,816</b>
<b>United States</b> <i>New in last 72hrs: 488,172 (+less than 1% avg. growth per day)</i> Source: <a href="#">Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard</a>	<b>25,144,973</b>
<b>WA</b>	<b>300,198</b>
<b>ID</b>	<b>159,506</b>
<b>WY</b>	<b>50,898</b>
<b>ND</b>	<b>96,817</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>107,148</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

**Full-dose blood thinners reduce need for organ support in non-ICU hospital patients.** Full-dose blood thinner treatments can reduce the need for vital organ support such as ventilation in moderately ill patients hospitalized for COVID-19, according to interim results from a clinical trial announced Friday, Jan. 22 by NIH. The findings complement an earlier study that found routine use of full-dose blood thinners does not benefit COVID-19 patients when started in the ICU.

**CDC reports on allergic reactions to Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.** The CDC on Friday, Jan. 22 [reported](#) 10 cases of anaphylaxis among the more than 4 million people who received a first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine between Dec. 21 and Jan. 10. That's an estimated 2.5 cases per 1 million doses. On Jan. 6, CDC [reported](#) 21 cases of anaphylaxis among the nearly 1.9 million people who received a first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine between Dec. 14 and 23. That's an estimated 11.1 cases per 1 million doses. CDC recommends that locations administering COVID-19 vaccines adhere to its guidance, including screening recipients for contraindications and precautions, implementing recommended post-vaccination observation periods and immediately treating suspected anaphylaxis with intramuscular epinephrine injection.

## 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](mailto:hppcoordinators@mtha.org).

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## 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 edition of AHA COVID-19 Snapshot highlights challenges facing hospitals.** The AHA today released its latest issue 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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