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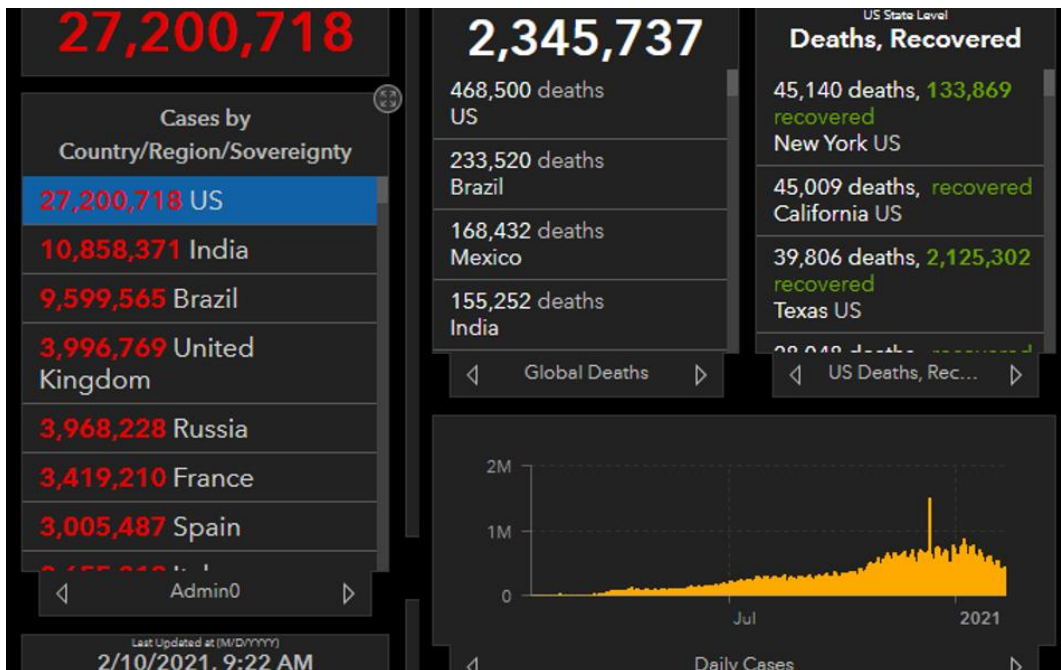
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COVID-19

REPORTED CASES	
Montana <i>New last 2 days: 681 (+less than 0.5% avg. growth per day)</i> <i>Active Cases: 3,027 (-193)</i> <i>Recovered: 92,248 (+868)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Total: 4,400 (+44)</i> <i>Hospitalizations, Active: 108 (+7)</i> <i>Deaths: 1,320 (last 2 days: +6)</i> Source: Montana COVID-19 Dashboard (Updated 10:00 a.m.)	96,595
United States <i>New last 2 days: 186,813 (+less than 0.5% avg. growth per day)</i> Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE Global Outbreak Dashboard	27,200,718
WA	324,025
ID	166,095
WY	52,830
ND	98,175
SD	109,405

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](#)



State COVID-19 liability bill transmitted to Governor, signature expected. On Tuesday, Jan. 9, [Senate Bill 65](#) was transmitted to Montana Governor Greg Gianforte, who has said he'll sign the bill. The bill intends to provide liability shields for businesses, churches and more over exposure to the virus. The legislation is one part of Gianforte's requirement to lift the statewide mask mandate. The other part is more widespread vaccinations. It's not clear how many people must be vaccinated to meet Gianforte's threshold. By Tuesday, 39,763 had been fully vaccinated, or 3.7% of the state's population. About 96,300, or 9% of the population, have fallen ill with the virus and 1,315 have died over the last 11 months.

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 February 5.

FDA updates guidance on using ventilator splitters. The FDA on Tuesday, Jan. 9 issued [updated guidance](#) on using ventilator splitters to support more than one patient when other options are unavailable. See FDA EUAs for ventilators and ventilator accessories [here](#).

FDA updates EUA for COVID-19 convalescent plasma. The FDA last week revised and reissued its [EUA](#) for COVID-19 convalescent plasma to treat hospitalized patients with COVID-19. The changes include updates based on additional clinical trials; clarify the authorization's limit to high-titer convalescent plasma for hospitalized patients early in the disease and those with impaired humoral immunity; and add to the tests acceptable for qualifying high-titer COVID-19 convalescent plasma.

FDA issues EUA for the combination of bamlanivimab and etesevimab for treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19. On Tuesday, Feb. 9 the FDA [issued](#) an EUA for the combination of bamlanivimab and etesevimab (monoclonal antibodies) for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients at least 12 years old who are high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19. The agency details that recent clinical trial results demonstrate that a single infusion of the treatment can significantly reduce COVID-19 related hospitalization and death during the 29 days of follow-up compared to placebo. The agency also issued fact sheets regarding the use of bamlanivimab and etesevimab for [healthcare providers](#) and for [patients and caregivers](#).

NIH launches clinical trial for long-acting antibody therapy. The NIH [announced](#) the launch of a clinical trial to evaluate long-acting antibody therapy for individuals hospitalized with COVID-19.

PLANNING

HHS requests hospital data on COVID-19 vaccinations. HHS' latest data reporting guidance released on Tuesday, Jan. 12 [here](#).

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.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

CMS extends deadlines for submitting HCAHPS, interoperability data. CMS on Tuesday, Jan. 9 extended from Feb. 8 to March 17 the deadline for inpatient prospective payment system hospitals and PPS-exempt cancer hospitals to submit third quarter 2020 Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems data. In addition, CMS extended from March 1 to April 1 the deadline for eligible hospitals to submit calendar year 2020 electronic clinical quality measures to the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program and Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program. The agency also is extending the deadline to attest to the other four objectives of the Promoting Interoperability Program — Health Information Exchange, Provider to Patient Exchange, Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange — from March 1 to April 1.

Hospitals unable to submit the data due to an [extraordinary circumstance](#) or [hardship](#) may request an exception to the requirement.

COMMUNICATIONS

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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