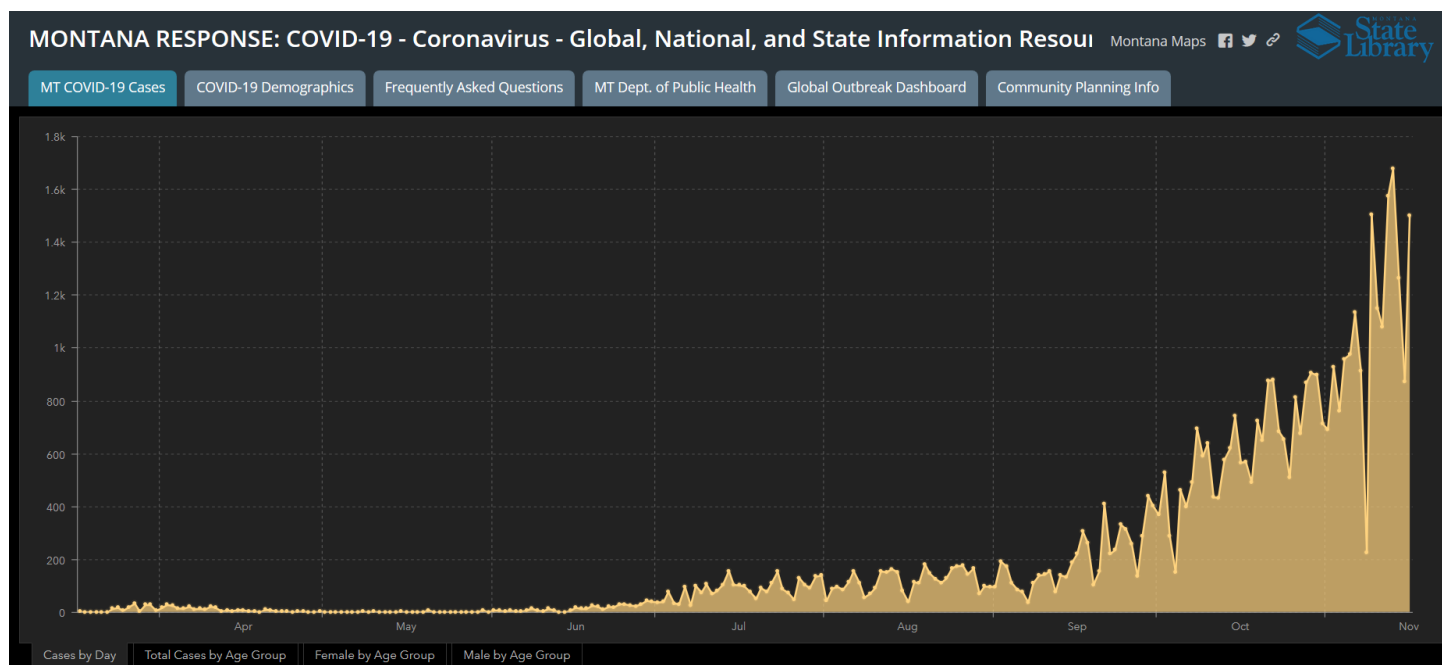


General Hospital District Information Update:

COVID -19 State and Local Update: As of yesterday, Granite County has a total of 19 active cases, 89 community members have recovered, a total of 8 required hospitalization and currently none are being hospitalized. Granite County has had its first COVID-19 related death, last week. The rise in cases throughout the state is continuing and it is the District's recommendation that our community members follow State and CDC guidelines in regard to wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, hand hygiene and avoiding large gatherings. For the latest information and recommendations go to; mt.gov/publichealth or cdc.gov. For up to date case counts locally, follow Granite County Public Health's Facebook page. I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to thank them for their continued efforts in performing contact tracing and individual case follow up. Their endless service to those effected has been beyond measure and absolutely, vital in limiting the spread of this virus.

- When we look at COVID-19 cases in long term care and assisted living facilities in the state, DPHHS reported as of November 5th, 89% of long term care facilities and 47% of assisted living facilities have reported COVID-19 cases.
- According to the Montana Response map this morning cases have doubled since our last meeting,
 - 49,398 Total cases to date in Montana (1500 in the last 24 hours)
 - 29,105 Cases Recovered
 - 19,750 Active cases in Montana
 - 456 Active Hospitalizations
 - 543 Deaths



- **COVID-19 Vaccine:** In a Rose Garden briefing last week, President Trump gave an update on the arrival of vaccines and treatments. Trump said emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer vaccine, which was shown in initial findings to be 90% effective, will be granted "extremely soon," and he reiterated that the first doses will be distributed immediately to frontline health workers, seniors, and other people with high-risk conditions. Moderna announced yesterday that its coronavirus vaccine is 94.5% effective against the virus, making it the second vaccine in the United States to have a stunningly high success rate. While the two vaccines appear to have very similar safety and efficacy profiles, Moderna's vaccine has a significant practical advantage over Pfizer's. Pfizer's vaccine has to be kept at about minus 103 degrees Fahrenheit. No other vaccine in the US needs to be kept that cold, very few facilities have freezers that go that low. Moderna's vaccine can be kept at minus 4 degrees Fahrenheit, in a readily available freezer. Another advantage of Moderna's vaccine is that it can be kept for 30 days in the refrigerator, while Pfizer's vaccine can last only five days in the refrigerator. There are several other manufacturers that are also currently in clinical trials, so additional options may be available soon.
- **COVID-19 Therapeutic Medications:** In anticipation of the likely issuance of emergency use authorizations (EUAs) for at least two monoclonal antibody therapeutic drugs developed to treat certain COVID-19 positive patients, we have begun planning for the distribution and administration process of these therapeutics. The medications initially will be in short supply due to the need to increase production rapidly following the issuance of EUAs. To ensure appropriate allocation while supply remains limited, the federal government will employ a specific allocation process based on state's data from daily reporting. At least initially, we should expect any EUA for monoclonal antibody therapeutic drugs to allow for their administration in *ambulatory settings*. The drugs will be administered to patients through an IV infusion. The monoclonal antibodies are to be administered only to patients who test positive for COVID-19, within 72 hours of symptoms' onset and before patients require hospitalization. It is expected, at least for the early stages of distribution, the therapeutics will be designated for those individuals most at risk, particularly individuals over the age of 60 and those with underlying health conditions that place them at higher risk of serious illness. As supply increases, the drugs likely will be made available to more patients. Operation Warp Speed will begin to distribute nearly 80,000 vials of this therapy this week.
- GCHD is reporting bed availability, utilization, equipment and supply inventory, number of COVID-19 suspected and positive cases, as well as flu testing data to the State and Federal entities daily. There is also a daily briefing call of all critical access hospitals in the state to share bed, staffing and ventilator availability. The larger hospitals participate in a separate, similar call. This information is compiled and sent out to all hospitals so we each are aware of the current resources throughout the state. I in turn, share this with our providers, so they can best coordinate potential transfer options.
 - Of the 20 CAH hospitals reporting this morning, 13 are over 75% bed capacity.
 - Staffing is the largest resource need
 - Our larger regional hospitals are averaging 90% capacity, with the exception of Community Medical Center that still has ICU and acute beds available.

Activities /Life Enrichment:

- On Sunday afternoons, our patients are assisted in calling their family and friends. This has had incredibly positive effect and keeps loved ones connected during this difficult time.

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- In anticipation of the *Festival of Trees*, Our patients, with the assistance of staff, are hand making Christmas tree decorations for their *Festival* tree that is themed at “Old Fashion Christmas”. The ideas came from our crafters on how to make the decorations. The tree is beautifully decorated and can be seen and bid on through the Granite County Medical Foundation auction site; www.32auctions.com/festivaloftrees20. I encourage everyone to visit the site in support of the Foundation. This year there are many individual silent auction items to consider.
- On the 28th we had a Halloween Party and costume contest. Patients were dressed in the costume of their choice and prizes were given for the best costumes. They played Halloween Tic Tac Toe and had fun prizes for all our winners.

Business Department/ Revenue Cycle Team:

- On October 19, 2020, the Subscribers’ Advisory Committee (“SAC”) of Yellowstone Insurance Exchange approved a distribution from Subscribers’ Savings Accounts (“SSAs”) in the aggregate amount of \$425,000.00 to current subscribers. Granite County Hospital District will receive a distribution of \$2,467.35. We are grateful for the partnership and the efforts put forth by all subscribers to make this distribution possible and Yellowstone the success it is today.
- Final Cost Report numbers are still pending.

Central Supply: No Report

Clinics: HHS has approved GCHD’s COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment. There is currently not a vaccine available and enrolling as a vaccine provider does not guarantee we will receive vaccine when it is available. However, our facility has been entered into the distribution system, our information has been uploaded to a national data base of approved COVID-19 Vaccine Providers, and our facility will be factored into their allocation decisions. Our vaccine coordinators will be required to take an online training course before receiving vaccine. GCHD will be notified when the training course is available.

Dietary: No Report

Grants: No Report

Emergency Preparedness: No Report

Environmental Services: No Report

Human Resources: Openings include one night nurse, four CNA’s.

IT: No Report

Laboratory: 1130 COVID tests have been sent out to date.

Maintenance / Transportation: Drummond clinic was repainted.

Marketing: Ad campaigns recently involved the Radiology Department, thank you’s to our community for passing the Mill Levy and COVID- 19.

Medical Staff:

- New Credentials: Emergency temporary privileges were recently granted for three providers to cover the Philipsburg Clinic, ER and Hospital. Once they complete a full credentialing packet and the data goes through Big Sky Credentialing, it will be presented for new credentialing under the usual process.
- Resignations: None
- Re-credentialed Providers: None

Nursing

October Patient Census

Intermediate Swing Bed (LTC)	= 17	Outpatient Nurse Visit	= 9
Swing Bed billable days	= 30	Adult Day Care Visits	= 4
Acute billable days	= 14	Deaths	= 0
Observation Days	= 0	ER Visits	= 36

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**Physical Therapy**

October had a total: 78 Visits

Out-Patient: 68

Acute Inpatient: 3

Swing Bed: 7

LTC: 0

Radiology: We completed 17 CT Scans in October.

Safety Report: No Report

Respectfully submitted,
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