

Flathead County Communicable Disease Weekly Report

This report provides the weekly report of communicable diseases in Flathead County. The data provided is provisional and may change as information is received.

Table 1. Communicable diseases in Flathead County* compared to statewide data during week MMWR 20 (week ending 5/18/2024).

	Flathead County		State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 20	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 20	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)
Enteric Diseases				
Campylobacteriosis	1	13	12	153
E. Coli Shiga Toxin Producing	1	3	1	31
General Communicable Diseases				
Covid-19	3	473	93	6,514
Latent TB Infection	2	12	2	68
Sexually Transmitted Diseases				
Chlamydia	6	62	74	1,325
Vaccine Preventable Diseases				
Pertussis	1	3	2	10
Animal Bites	5	120	Not Reported	

Data Source: MTDPHHS Weekly Communicable Disease Epidemiology Report

*Not all cases were contracted in Flathead County

Additional Information:

Summary of Diseases in the State of Montana for Week 20:

- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (12), Cryptosporidiosis (5), Giardiasis (2), Salmonellosis (4), Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) (1)
- **General Communicable Diseases:** COVID-19 (93), Coccidioidomycosis (1), Legionellosis (1), Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome (1), Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI) (2)
- **Heavy Metal Exposures:** Elevated Blood Lead (2)
- **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, acute (1), Hepatitis C, chronic (14)
- **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (76), Gonorrhea (16), Syphilis, latent (4), Syphilis, primary or secondary (3)
- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Influenza, hospitalization or death (2), Pertussis (2), Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (4)
- **Zoonotic:** Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (3)

Hepatitis Awareness Month

An estimated 2.4 million Americans are infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV), making HCV the most common blood-borne infectious disease in the country. Left untreated, HCV infection can progress to liver cirrhosis, liver cancer, and death. The CDC recommends universal testing of ALL adults for hepatitis C at least once in their lifetime and periodic testing of people with ongoing risk factors. #GetTestedMT and spread the word during #HepatitisAwarenessMonth!

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/hivstd/gettested>