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Weekly Communicable Disease Report May 11, 2020

Gallatin County Communicable Disease Report Week 19 (5/4/20 to 5/10/20)

This section contains diseases diagnosed in Gallatin County, not all diseases were contracted in Gallatin County.

Reportable		Non-Reportable	
6	Chlamydia	6	Strep
1	Cryptosporidia		
1	Gonorrhea		
5	Animal bites		

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Disease Information

Summary of MMWR Week 18: Ending 5/2/2020

- **General Communicable Diseases:** Latent TB infection (LTBI) (1)
- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (4), Cryptosporidiosis (1), Giardiasis (1), Salmonellosis (5), Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC) (4)
- **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (70), Gonorrhea (20)
- **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis B, chronic (1), Hepatitis C, chronic (14)
- **Zoonotic:** Colorado tick fever (1)

COVID Antibody Testing Considerations: APHL and CSTE released a [joint statement](#) on Thursday, "Serological testing is an important part of a testing strategy in response to COVID-19, but there is simply a lot that we still don't know," said Scott Becker, MS, chief executive officer of APHL. "Until we have more evidence, serological tests alone should not be used to make decisions such as when staff can return to work, the need for personal protective equipment or the need to discontinue social distancing measures."

COVID-19 Sentinel Surveillance Project Update: Many of you may have heard of the governor's COVID sentinel surveillance project. The state is trying to conduct the COVID testing of asymptomatic individuals without burdening the county health departments, but we would like to keep you apprised of our work. For this project the state will provide test kits complete with nasal swabs, transport media, requisition forms, informed consent forms, instructions, and PPE (if needed).

Because residents of assisted living and long-term care facilities (LTCF) are at the highest risk of COVID-19 related hospitalization or death, epidemiologists from the CDEpi have reached out to every LTCF in the state to ascertain which facilities are interested in offering testing to their residents and staff. The Public Health Emergency Preparedness group is busy assembling testing kits to send out all interested facilities, and plans to begin sending these kits next week.