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Weekly Communicable Disease Report June 20, 2022

Gallatin County Communicable Disease Report Week 23 (6/5/2022- 6/11/2022)

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

Reportable		Non-Reportable	
350	COVID 19	15	Strep
15	Chlamydia	1	Mono
2	Gonorrhea		
11	Influenza A		
1	Latent TB Infection (LTBI)		
6	Animal Bites		

PLEASE CALL 406-582-3100 during business hours or after hours 24/7 call Sheriff's Dispatch at 406-582-2100 ext 2 and ask to page the Health Department

Summary of MMWR Week 23 for the state of Montana:

- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (7), Salmonellosis (1), Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) (4)
- **General Communicable Diseases:** Latent TB infection (LTBI) (1), Coccidioidomycosis (1), Elevated blood lead (1)
- **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis B, chronic (1), Hepatitis C, chronic (25)
- **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (98), Gonorrhea (19), Syphilis, primary or secondary (8), HIV/AIDS (1)
- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Influenza hospitalization or death (4), Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (1)
- **Zoonotic diseases:** Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (4)

Monkeypox Update: As of June 16, 2022, CDC and WHO are tracking at least 100 monkeypox cases in the US and additional cases worldwide that have been reported in areas that do not normally report monkeypox. To date, there have been no confirmed cases of monkeypox reported in Montana. DPHHS urges healthcare providers to be alert for patients who have [rash illnesses consistent with monkeypox](#), regardless of whether they have travel or specific risk factors for monkeypox, and regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Healthcare providers in Montana are requested to report suspect cases to your [local health department](#), and local health departments should notify the CDEpi Section at DPHHS by calling 406-444-0273. Information about monkeypox for [healthcare providers](#) is found on CDC's website and there is a new [clinician FAQ resource](#).

Campylobacter Outbreak: Sanders County Public Health led an outbreak investigation for a Campylobacter outbreak associated with drinking water from Kennedy Creek near Paradise, Montana. The creek water was accessed through a built-up watering point that is often perceived as a spring, which the local community has used as a drinking water source for many decades. The outbreak includes 19 individuals from four counties in Montana (and one out-of-state case) who drank water from the watering point and were identified as Campylobacter cases through lab testing, or as an epi link to a lab-confirmed case. A water sample was collected from Kennedy Creek, and the Montana Public Health Laboratory (MTPHL) was able to isolate Campylobacter from the water. Whole genome sequencing showed two clinical samples and the water sample were highly genetically related, which further supports the strong epidemiologic evidence that the infections were due to consumption of water from the creek. CDEpi would like to thank Sanders, Mineral, and Flathead counties for investigating cases linked to this outbreak, as well as our MTPHL and Food and Consumer Safety colleagues at DPHHS for helping to investigate this outbreak. Please call Rachel Hinnenkamp (406-444-0649) if you have identified a Campylobacter case who drank water from a creek or 'spring' near Paradise, MT, and think they may be related to this outbreak.