










This report provides a weekly snapshot of communicable disease activity in Gallatin County. Data are provisional and are expected to change as more information is received.

Table 1. Communicable diseases reported in Gallatin County* compared to statewide data during MMWR Week 11 (week ending 3/18/2023).

	Gallatin County			State of Montana	
	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 11	Six-Week Trend Line	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 11
General Communicable Diseases					
COVID-19**	1,012	49		7,666	677
Influenza (2022-2023 Season)					
Cases	2,065	2		10,727	22
Hospitalizations or Deaths	60	0		562	0
Enteric Diseases					
Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli	4	1		18	2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases					
Chlamydia	121	14		786	65
Gonorrhea	13	1		218	17
Syphilis, Latent	6	1		79	4
Zoonotic Diseases					
Rabies, PEP	2	1		22	2
Other Conditions					
Animal Bites	40	4		Not Reported	

Data source: MTDPHHS Weekly Communicable Disease Epidemiology Report

*Not all cases were contracted in Gallatin County

**Expanded COVID-19 data is available on the next page, and updated weekly on our [dashboard](#)

Communicable Disease News:

- **COVID-19 Update:** On January 30, 2023, President Biden announced the COVID-19 public health emergency will end on May 11, 2023. Read the full declaration [here](#).
- Additional summary of diseases reported in the state of Montana for MMWR Week 11:
 - **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (4), Cryptosporidiosis (3), Giardiasis (2), Salmonellosis (2), Vibriosis (1)
 - **General Communicable Diseases:** Elevated blood lead (2)
 - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis B, acute (1), Hepatitis B, chronic (1), Hepatitis C, acute (1), Hepatitis C, chronic (12)
 - **VPDs:** *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, invasive (2), Varicella (chickenpox) (1)
- **Influenza:** Influenza activity **decreased** statewide from March 12th – March 18th, 2023, with 22 new cases and 0 hospitalizations reported. Season to date, 10,727 cases, 543 hospitalizations, and 19 deaths have been associated with influenza. Influenza A is currently the dominant influenza type circulating in Montana – seasonal subtypes H1N1 (n=194) and H3N2 (n=382) have both been detected.
 - Influenza-like illness (ILI) reported in Montana for Week 11 **decreased** from 1.89% to 1.62%.
 - During week 11, RSV percent positivity **increased slightly** to 2.62%. Due to two consecutive weeks of RSV activity below 3% positivity, the 2022-2023 RSV season was declared over in Montana on March 11, 2023.

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Gallatin County COVID-19 Data

During MMWR Week 12 (week ending 3/25/23), 59 new COVID-19 cases were reported among Gallatin County residents. Among the newly reported cases, approximately 44% were confirmed breakthrough cases, defined as testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 ≥ 14 days after receiving a primary COVID-19 vaccine series. As of March 25, 2023 Gallatin County reports 13,199 cases of confirmed breakthrough disease, which includes 357 hospitalizations and 30 deaths.

Table 2. Summary of COVID-19 Activity among Gallatin County residents reported between 3/17/2020 to 3/25/2023.

	Total	MMWR Week 12	% Change from Previous Week
Reported Cases	42,018	59	+20.41%
Laboratory Tests	353,258	573	+2.14%
Hospitalizations	1,564	4	-33.33%
Deaths	134	0	0.00%

Table 3. Describes the number of active cases per 100,000 Gallatin County residents among Vaccine Eligible Age Groups as of 3/26/2023.

Age Group	Number of Active Cases	Total Number of Residents	Active Cases per 100,000
0 to 4	6	5,906	102
5 to 11	2	9,138	22
12 to 17	1	7,616	13
18 to 29	24	28,995	83
30 to 39	10	17,388	58
40 to 49	9	14,113	64
50 to 50	3	11,667	26
60 to 69	15	12,149	124
70 to 79	11	6,846	161
80+	6	2,968	202

Table 4. Describes [CDC community impact level](#) as of 3/27/2023, established to help determine which prevention actions are recommended based on healthcare system strain. Gallatin County is currently experiencing “Low” community impact, as depicted by the black circle on the table below. Data regarding community levels and local indicators are found at the CDC COVID Data Tracker [here](#). During periods of low impact, the CDC recommends staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, maintaining improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible, and following CDC guidelines for isolation and quarantine, including testing if you are exposed or have symptoms. Individuals who are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease should have a plan for rapid testing if needed and talk to their healthcare provider about whether they are a candidate for treatments like oral antivirals or monoclonal antibodies.

New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
		<200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0 <10.0%
≥ 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total) Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA NA	<10.0 <10.0%	≥ 10.0 $\geq 10.0\%$

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Figure 1. Describes the number of hospitalized COVID-19 cases by breakthrough status and CDC MMWR Week from March 28, 2021 to March 25, 2023. A breakthrough case is defined as testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 ≥ 14 days after receiving a primary COVID-19 vaccine series.

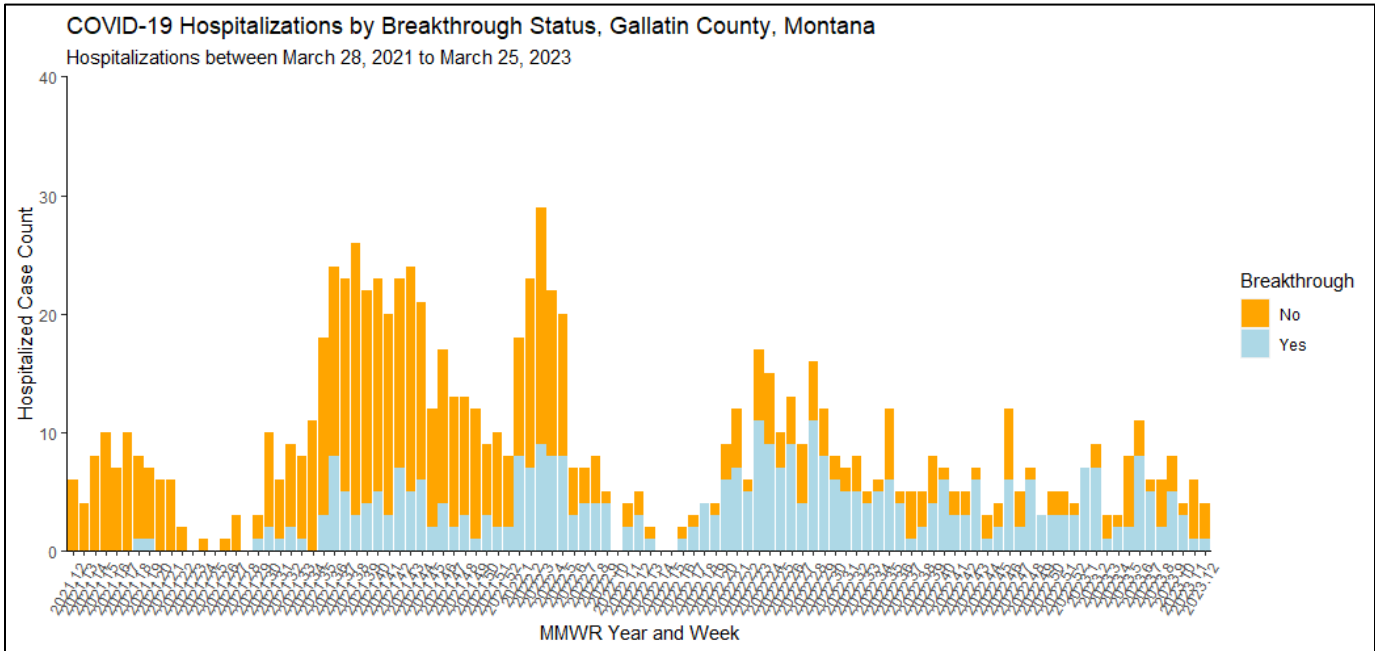
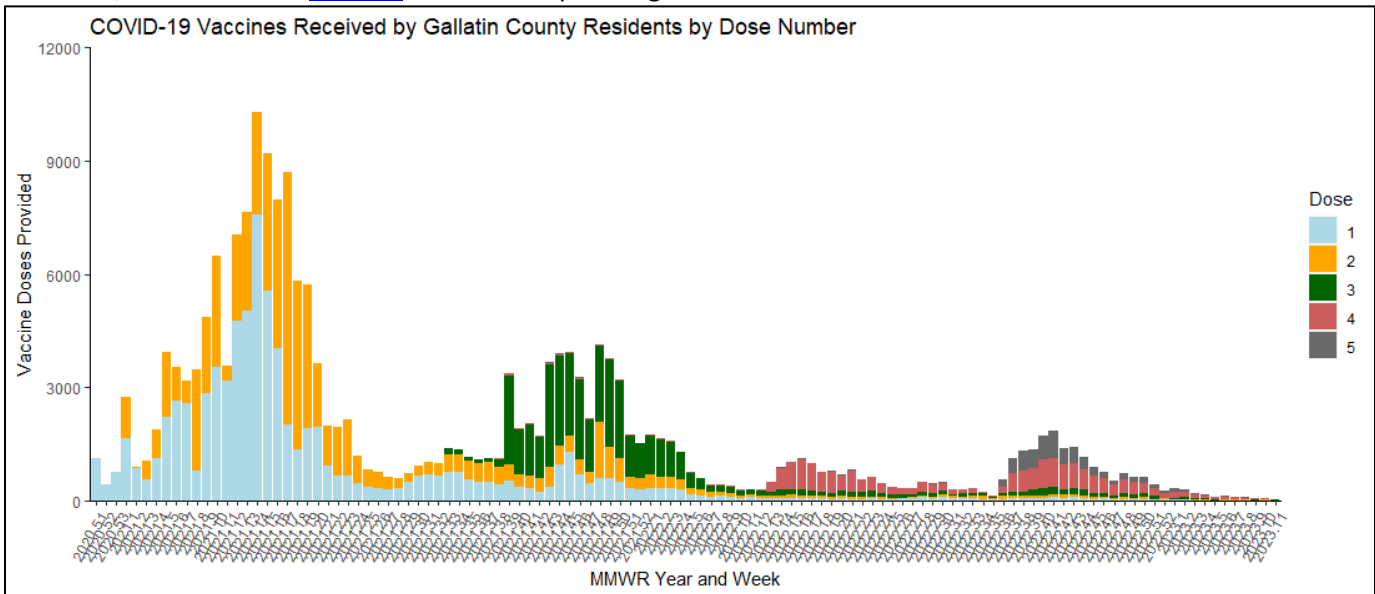


Figure 2. Describes COVID-19 vaccine doses received by Gallatin County residents by MMWR Year and Week as of March 18, 2023. Visit our [website](#) for a list of upcoming vaccine clinics.



If you are seeking data that is not included in the above report or our [dashboard](#), please submit a data request through HS@gallatin.mt.gov. The turnaround time depends on the complexity of the request and availability of our staff.

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Hepatitis C ECHO

The HCV ECHO helps connect primary care providers to teams of medical experts in the state to improve access to high-quality treatment for Hepatitis C.

Physicians, PAs, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, peer recovery specialists, and case managers share best practices on how to collaboratively manage, diagnose, test, and treat patients with the complex disease

Hepatitis C sessions:

- Started on March 7, 2023
- Sessions run every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month
- Start at 12:00 p.m.
- Hosted via Zoom



Use the QR Code or the link below to visit the University of Montana's Project ECHO page for more details.

https://www.umt.edu/ccfwd/training/projectecho/hepc_echo.php

