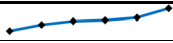










Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report

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. If you are seeking data that is not included in the report below, 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.

Table 1. Communicable diseases reported in Gallatin County* compared to statewide data during MMWR Week 29 (ending in July 22, 2023).

	Gallatin			State of Montana	
	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 29	Six-Week Trend Line	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 29
General Communicable Diseases					
COVID-19	1,476	32		11,953	133
Latent TB Infection (LTBI)	27	3		162	6
Enteric Diseases					
Campylobacteriosis	24	2		245	15
Shigellosis	4	1		12	1
Sexually Transmitted Diseases					
Chlamydia	291	7		2,001	74
Gonorrhea	38	2		461	17
HIV/AIDS	3	1		17	3
Vector-Borne Diseases					
Lyme Disease	4	2		8	2
Other Conditions					
Animal Bites	150	8		Not Reported	

Data source: MTDPHHS Weekly Communicable Disease Epidemiology Report

*Not all cases were contracted in Gallatin County

Communicable Disease News:

- The 2020 Annual Report of Communicable Diseases in Montana is now available [here](#).
- Additional summary of diseases reported in the state of Montana for MMWR Week 29:
 - **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (15), Cryptosporidiosis (2), Cyclosporiasis (1), Giardiasis (3), Salmonellosis (5), Shigellosis (1), Vibriosis (1)
 - **General Communicable Diseases:** Coccidioidomycosis (1), COVID-19 (133), Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (6), Tuberculosis (1)
 - **Heavy Metal Exposures:** Lead (2)
 - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, acute (1), Hepatitis C, chronic (12)
 - **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (74), Gonorrhea (17), HIV/AIDS (3), Syphilis, primary or secondary (5), Syphilis, latent (7)
 - **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (1)
 - **Vector-Borne Diseases:** Lyme disease (2)
 - **Zoonoses:** Rabies, animal (2), Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (13)

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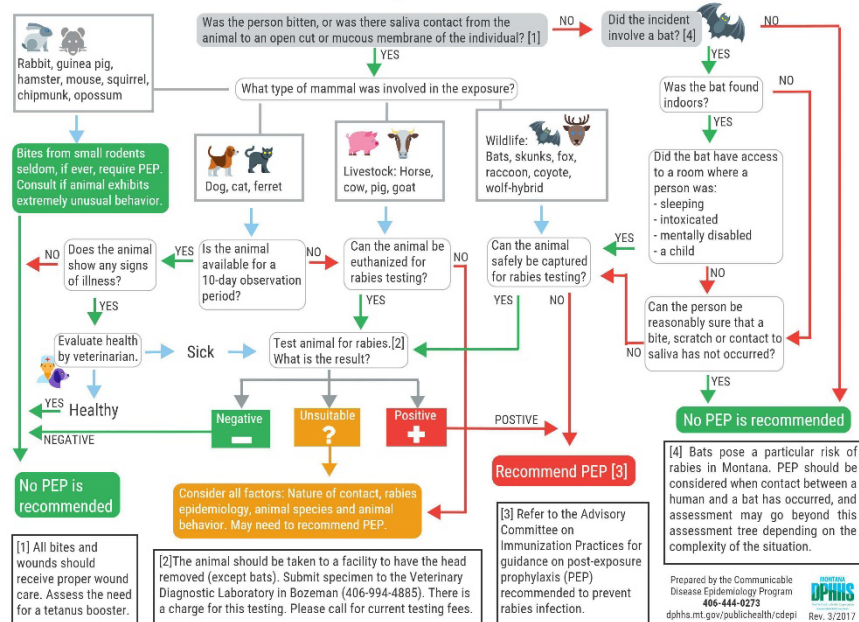
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• Rabies Activity on the Rise in Montana

- Over the previous 2-3 weeks, the MTDPHHS has received an increase both in the number of calls about **human-bat interactions and the number of bats that have tested positive for rabies**. Bats have special considerations when evaluating a potential rabies exposure, where the nature of the encounter is not always as obvious as a bite from a cat, dog, or other wild animal (see the Montana Rabies Exposure Assessment Tree). Whenever a bat is found inside a home or other structure (tent, camper, cabin, RV, etc.), in order to guide rabies post-exposure prophylaxis recommendations, it's vital that the bat is captured and kept secure while determining the need for rabies testing.
- Capturing a bat is best done with a small box and piece of paper or cardboard as described in the article by MT DPHHS and DOL found [here](#). Once the bat has been contained, contact your local public health department to review if the bat might have potentially exposed a human or domestic animal to rabies, and therefore should be submitted for testing. If testing is indicated, we recommend that a local veterinarian perform the euthanasia humanely and prepare the specimen for shipping to the Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (MVDL) in Bozeman. Specimens can also be dropped off M-F at the MVDL at the address listed on their [rabies testing guidance document](#). More information from the DOL about rabies is available [here](#). Testing a bat for rabies may eliminate the need for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis following an exposure.
- If you have a questions about bats, a human-animal interaction, or rabies, please reach out to your local public health department or contact DPHHS at 406-444-0273 or DOL at 406-444-7323.

Montana Rabies Exposure Assessment Tree



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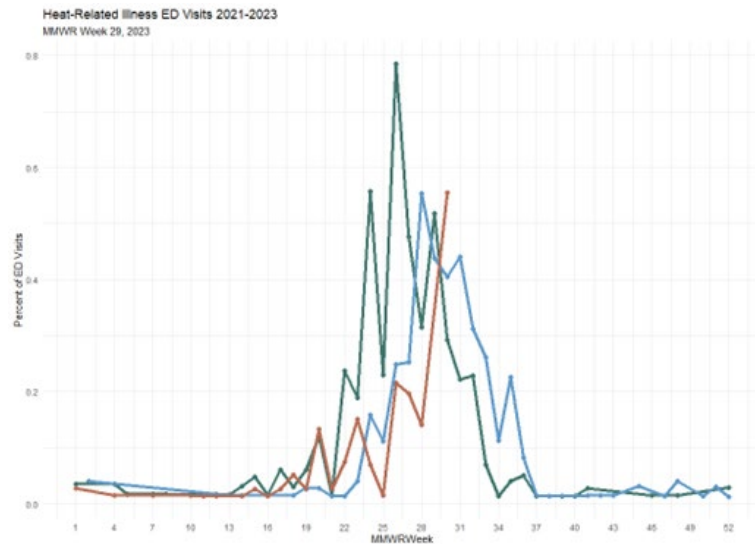
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- Heat Related Illnesses
 - Below are data reported from the Montana Syndromic Surveillance system. For questions on the data, or inquiries about facilities reporting in your jurisdiction, please contact Vanessa Whattam at 406-439-5324 or vanessa.whattam@mt.gov.



- Heat-related illness ED visits accounted for 0.5% (38 out of 7451) of total ED visits during MMWR Week 29 in 2023 (July 16 - July 22) which is 0.4% increased from the previous week. The statewide average high temperature in Week 29, 2023 was 89° F, compared to 85° F the previous week, and 91° F during Week 29, 2022. In 2022, heat-related illness ED visits made up 0.4% (32 out of 7301) of the total ED visits during MMWR Week 29. Over the past five weeks, the mean percentage of heat-related illness visits in 2023 is not statistically significantly different from the percentage for the same period in 2022. The preliminary rate for MMWR Week 29 of 2023 (July 23 - July 29) is 0.5% (38 out of 7451). While most hospital facilities participate in syndromic surveillance, not all do. The chart represents only reported data; true numbers may vary.

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