







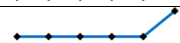



## Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report

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](mailto: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 30 (week ending July 29, 2023).

	Gallatin			State of Montana	
	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 30	Six-Week Trend Line	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 30
<b>General Communicable Diseases</b>					
Coccidioidomycosis	2	1		9	1
COVID-19	1,508	32		12,153	178
<b>Enteric Diseases</b>					
Campylobacteriosis	26	2		255	13
Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC)	6	1		63	5
<b>Hepatitis</b>					
Hepatitis C, Chronic	10	1		621	27
<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</b>					
Chlamydia	302	11		2,082	80
Gonorrhea	40	2		479	17
<b>Zoonotic Diseases</b>					
Rabies, Animal	1	1		7	2
Rabies, PEP	9	1		133	21
<b>Other Conditions</b>					
Animal Bites	155	4		Not Reported	

Data source: MTDPHHS Weekly Communicable Disease Epidemiology Report

\*Not all cases were contracted in Gallatin County

### Communicable Disease News:

- Additional summary of diseases reported in the state of Montana for MMWR Week 30:
  - **Enteric Diseases:** Cryptosporidiosis (2), Giardiasis (1), Legionellosis (1), Salmonellosis (2), Shigellosis (1), Vibriosis (2)
  - **General Communicable Diseases:** Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (1)
  - **Heavy Metal Exposures:** Lead (3)
  - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis B, chronic (1), Hepatitis C, acute (1)
  - **STD/HIV:** Syphilis, primary or secondary (5), Syphilis, latent (3)
  - **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Pertussis (1)
  - **Vector-Borne Diseases:** Lyme disease (1)

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### Expanded COVID-19 Data

During MMWR Week 31 (week ending 8/5/2023), 29 new COVID-19 cases were reported among Gallatin County residents. Due to recent changes made to the reporting requirements at the state-level, GCCHD can no longer report data on breakthrough status related to COVID-19 cases.

**Table 2.** Summary of COVID-19 activity among Gallatin County residents reported between 3/17/2020 to 8/5/2023.

	Total	MMWR Week 31	% Change from Previous Week
Reported Cases	42,484	29	-9.38%
Hospitalizations	1,597	0	-100.00%
Deaths	136	0	NA*

\*percent change is incalculable when the previous value is zero.

**Table 3.** Describes the number of active cases by age group per 100,000 residents as of 8/5/2023.

Age Group	Number of Active Cases	Total Number of Residents	Active Cases per 100,000
0 to 4	3	5,906	51
5 to 11	1	9,138	11
12 to 17	2	7,616	26
18 to 29	10	28,995	35
30 to 39	4	17,388	23
40 to 49	1	14,113	7
50 to 59	1	11,667	9
60 to 69	8	12,149	66
70 to 79	11	6,846	161
80+	7	2,968	236

**Table 4.** Describes CDC COVID-19 hospital admission levels as of 7/3/2023, established to guide recommended preventative actions based on healthcare system strain. Gallatin County is currently experiencing “Low” level, in which 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 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.

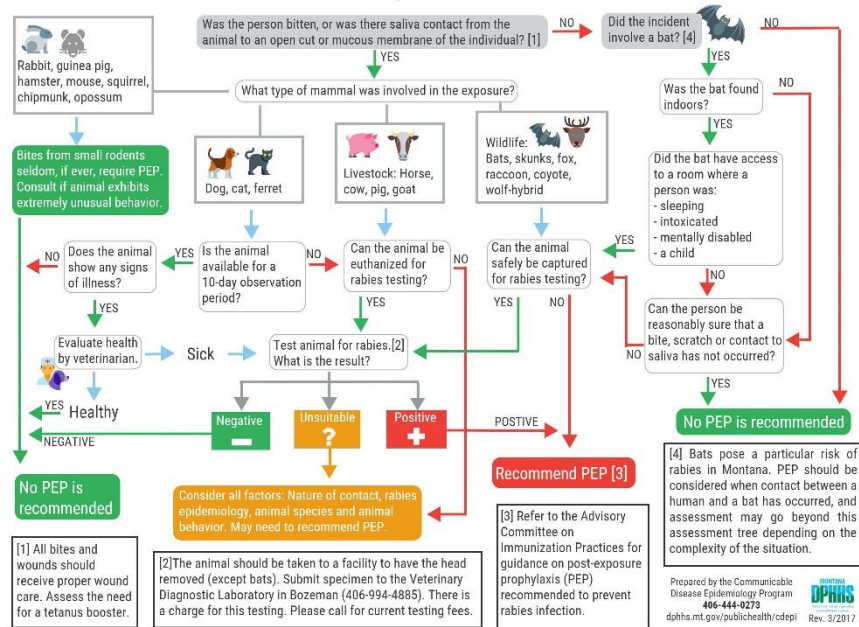
Indicator	Low	Medium	High
New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0 – 19.9	≥20.0

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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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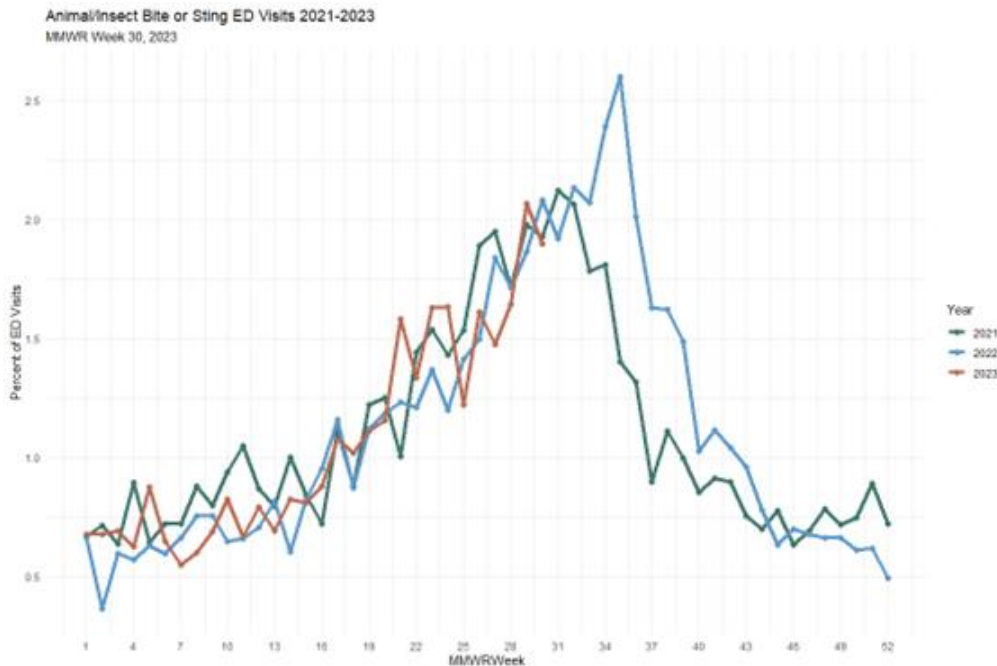
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- **Emergency Department Visits for Animal/Insect Bites or Stings**

- 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](mailto:vanessa.whattam@mt.gov).



- Bite- or sting-related ED visits accounted for 1.9% (139 out of 7326) of total ED visits during MMWR Week 30 in 2023 (July 23 - July 29) which is 0.2% decreased from the previous week. In 2022, bite- or sting -related ED visits made up 2.1% (149 out of 7167) of the total ED visits during MMWR Week 30. Over the past five weeks, the mean percentage of respiratory visits in 2023 is not statistically significantly different from the percentage for the same period in 2022. The preliminary rate for MMWR Week 31 of 2023 (July 30 - August 5) is 2.2% (85 out of 3908). The map above shows the crude rates of bite- or sting -related ED visits in each of the counties for MMWR Week 30, 2023. While most hospital facilities participate in syndromic surveillance, not all do. The chart above represents only reported data; true numbers may vary.

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