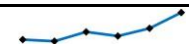





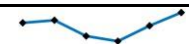
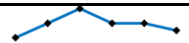



## Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report

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 35 (week ending September 2, 2023).

	Gallatin			State of Montana	
	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 35	Six-Week Trend Line	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 35
<b>General Communicable Diseases</b>					
COVID-19	1,794	101		14,175	587
<b>Enteric Diseases</b>					
Campylobacteriosis	29	1		300	12
Cryptosporidiosis	13	1		80	2
Giardiasis	15	1		57	6
Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC)	7	1		87	9
<b>Hepatitis</b>					
Hepatitis C, Chronic	13	1		735	26
<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</b>					
Chlamydia	349	15		2,466	83
<b>Other Conditions</b>					
Animal Bites	187	5		Not Reported	
Metal Exposure, Mercury	2	1		6	1

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 35:
  - **Enteric Diseases:** Salmonellosis (8), Vibriosis (1)
  - **General Communicable Diseases:** Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (3)
  - **Heavy Metal Exposures:** Lead (3)
  - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis B, acute (1)
  - **STD/HIV:** Gonorrhea (15), Syphilis, latent (6)
  - **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Influenza, hospitalization or death (1)
  - **Vector-Borne Diseases:** Lyme disease (1), Tularemia (1)
  - **Zoonoses:** Rabies, animal (1), Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (4)

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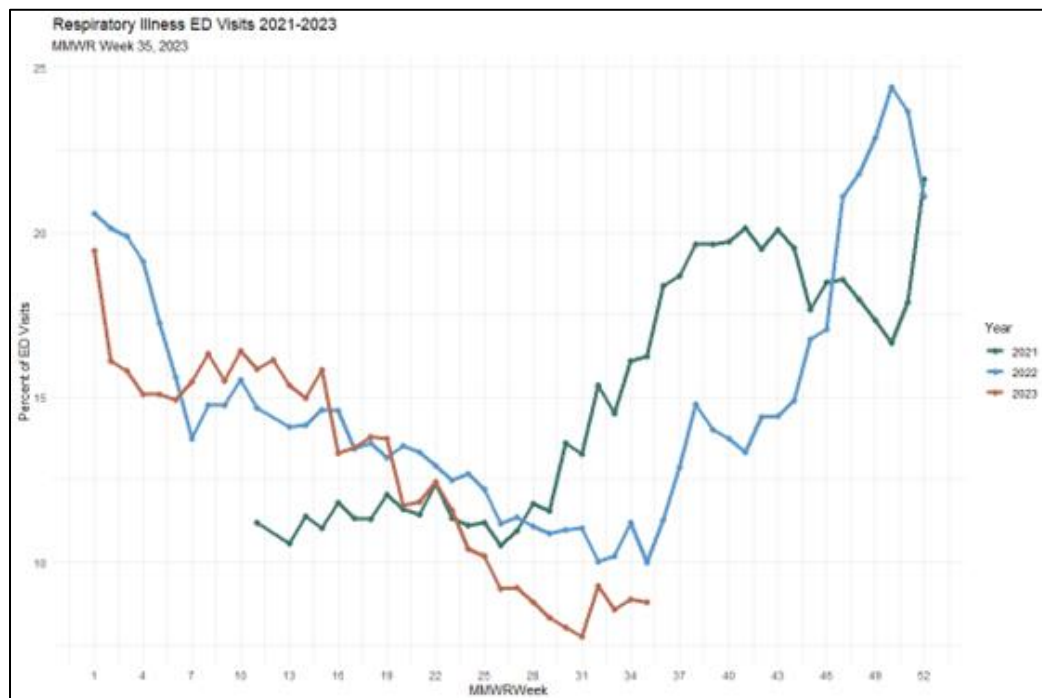
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- **Syndromic Surveillance – Respiratory Illness in Montana**

- Below are data reported from the Montana Syndromic Surveillance system. These data capture real-time changes in the percentage of emergency department (ED) visits related to respiratory illness across the state and are monitored for significant increases. 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).
- Respiratory Illness-related ED visits accounted for 8.8% (641 out of 7289) of total ED visits during MMWR Week 35 in 2023 (August 27 - September 2) which is 0.1% decreased from the previous week. In 2022, respiratory illness-related ED visits made up 10% (707 out of 7084) of the total ED visits during MMWR Week 35. Over the past five weeks, the mean percentage of respiratory illness visits in 2023 is statistically significantly different from the percentage for the same period in 2022. The preliminary rate for MMWR Week 36, 2023 (September 3 - 9) is 11% (550 out of 5019). The map shows the crude rates of respiratory illness-related ED visits in each of the counties for MMWR Week 35, 2023. While most hospital facilities participate in syndromic surveillance, not all do. The chart below represents only reported data; true numbers may vary.



- **DPHHS Health Alert Network (HAN) – Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)**

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to notify clinicians and caregivers about increases in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity across some parts of the Southeastern United States in recent

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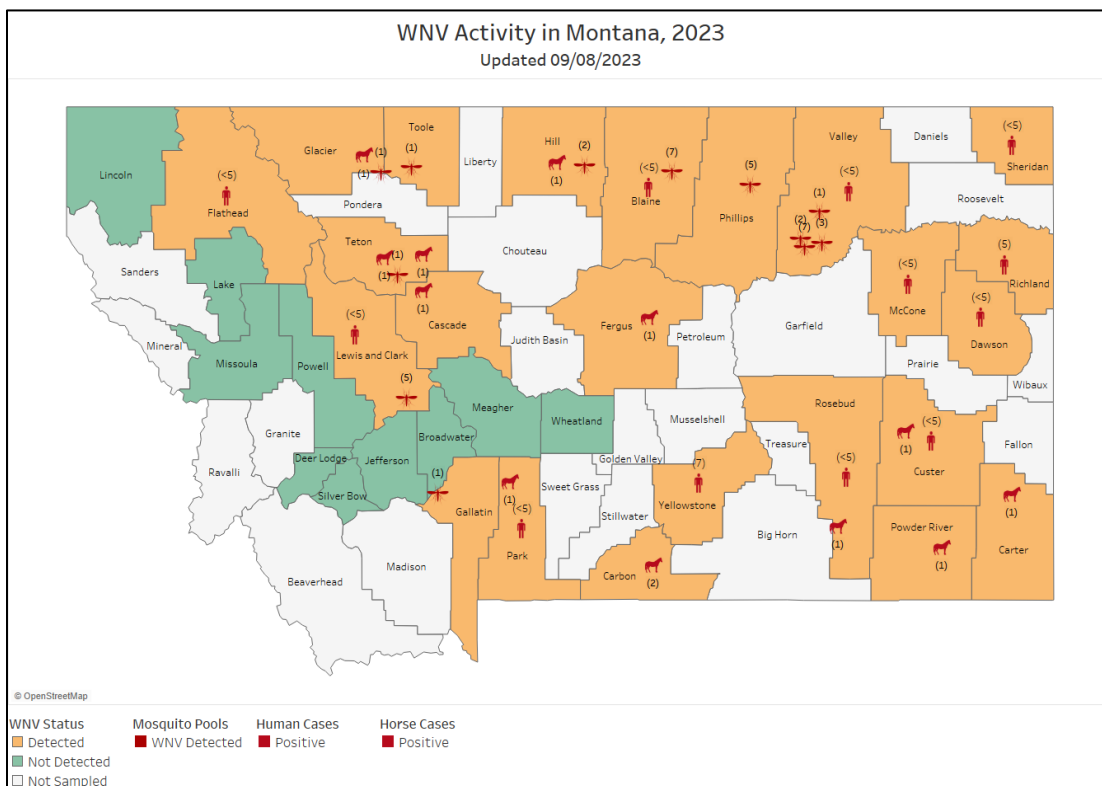
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weeks, suggesting a continued shift toward seasonal RSV trends observed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Historically, such regional increases have predicted the beginning of RSV season nationally, with increased RSV activity spreading north and west over the following 2–3 months. RSV can cause severe disease in infants, young children, and older adults.

- In anticipation of the onset of the 2023-2024 RSV season, CDC encourages clinicians to prepare to implement new RSV prevention options.
- To access all HANs released by DPHHS, please visit the [DPHHS website](#).

- **West Nile Virus (WNV) Activity Increasing in Montana**

- As of 9/8/2023 Montana has WNV activity has been reported in 23 different counties (highlighted orange on the map below). DPHHS has reported 26 human cases of WNV this season. Of the cases, 11 have been classified as neuroinvasive. 8 cases of WNV have been identified through blood donation. Additionally, 13 cases of WNV have been reported in horses by the Department of Livestock. Nationally, as of 9/5/2023, 552 cases of WNV (379 neuroinvasive, 173 non-neuroinvasive) have been confirmed in 38 states. Thirty-eight (38) deaths across the U.S. have been attributed to WNV. For more information about WNV protection and surveillance activities, contact GCCHD at 406-582-3100 or visit the [DPHHS WNV webpage](#).



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