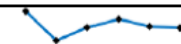
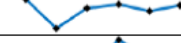











## Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report

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 11 (week ending March 16, 2024).

	Gallatin County			State of Montana	
	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 11	Six-Week Trend Line	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 11
<b>Influenza (2023-2024 Season)**</b>					
Influenza A	1,570	24		18,587	357
Influenza B	712	23			
Hospitalizations or Deaths	73	2		905	12
<b>General Communicable Diseases</b>					
COVID-19	616	20		5,321	247
<b>Enteric Diseases</b>					
Campylobacteriosis	11	1		82	8
Salmonellosis	6	1		23	3
Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC)	5	1		19	2
<b>Hepatitis</b>					
Hepatitis C, Chronic	8	2		195	12
<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</b>					
Chlamydia	118	8		727	53
Gonorrhea	6	1		154	18
<b>Other Conditions</b>					
Animal Bites	41	2		Not Reported	

Data source: MTDPHHS Weekly Communicable Disease Epidemiology Report

\*Not all cases were contracted in Gallatin County

\*\*Statewide disaggregated influenza data is unavailable.

### Communicable Disease News:

- Additional summary of diseases reported in the state of Montana for MMWR Week 11:
  - **Enteric Diseases:** Cryptosporidiosis (1), Giardiasis (3)
  - **General Communicable Diseases:** Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (2)
  - **Heavy Metal Exposures:** Lead (7)
  - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, acute (3)
  - **STD/HIV:** HIV/AIDS (1), Syphilis, latent (3), Syphilis, primary or secondary (7)
  - **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** *Haemophilus influenzae*, invasive (2), Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome (1), *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, invasive (5)

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- **Statewide Influenza & RSV Summary for MMWR Week 11: Activity is WIDESPREAD**

- Influenza activity is **declining** for the 2023-2024 influenza season in Montana. 357 cases of influenza were reported during MMWR week 11.
- Season to date, 18,587 cases, 864 hospitalizations, and 41 deaths have been associated with influenza. 98% of counties have reported at least one case of influenza this season.
- Three facilities in Montana are currently responding to outbreaks of influenza. An outbreak of influenza indicates that there is evidence of active transmission between employees, patients, residents, and/or students of a congregate setting. A total of 37 outbreaks of influenza have been identified in congregate settings season-to-date.
- During week 11, 1,090 specimens were tested for influenza at partner surveillance laboratories and 97 (8.90%) were positive.
- Partner surveillance laboratories have tested 31,867 specimens for influenza since October 1, 2023. Out of 31,867 specimens, 5,360 (16.82%) have tested positive for influenza. Influenza A is currently the dominant flu type circulating in Montana – Flu A seasonal subtype H1N1 (n=296), H3N2 (n=223), and flu B (n=1,566) have been detected.
- Emergency department (ED) visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) in Montana increased to 2.31%. This is below Montana’s baseline of 3.2%. Crossing above the baseline indicates an above-average number of patients being seen for ILI in EDs.
- During week 11, 510 specimens were tested for RSV at partner surveillance laboratories and 60 (11.76%) were positive.

- **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Health Alert Network (HAN): Measles Advisory**

- The CDC issued a [HAN Health Advisory](#) to inform clinicians and public health officials of an increase in global and U.S. measles cases and to provide guidance on measles prevention for all international travelers aged ≥6 months and all children aged ≥12 months who do not plan to travel internationally.
- Measles is a highly contagious vaccine-preventable illness that remains a public health concern. Cases of measles are on the rise both globally and domestically. Since December 2023, the U.S. has seen a sharp increase in cases related to unvaccinated travelers exposed while abroad who becoming symptomatic after returning home. This can lead to an outbreak if unvaccinated persons are exposed. As of March 14, 2024, there have been 58 confirmed cases of measles in 17 states since the start of 2024.
- As of March 22, 2024, there have been no confirmed cases of measles in Montana; however, there are confirmed cases in Washington, California, and [multiple other states](#).
- As a reminder, a measles diagnosis is an *immediately* reportable condition to the health department. Laboratory confirmation is essential for all sporadic measles cases and outbreaks, and measles should not be diagnoses without clinical testing. For testing, both a serum specimen *and* a PCR swab should be collected. Ideally, we would like these specimens to be sent to the Montana State Public Health Laboratory (MTPHL) if possible. Please contact the health department with any questions.

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