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Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report

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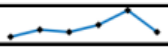
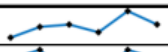
This report provides a weekly snapshot of communicable disease activity in Gallatin County. Data are provisional and are expected to change as more information is received. If you are seeking data that is not included in the report below, please submit a data request through HS@gallatin.mt.gov. The turnaround 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 32 (week ending August 9, 2025).

	Gallatin County			State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 32	Total (2025 Year-to-Date)	Six-Week Trend Line	MMWR Week 32	Total (2025 Year-to-Date)
General Communicable Diseases					
COVID-19	10	416		127	4,346
Enteric Diseases					
Cryptosporidiosis	1	58		1	95
Sexually Transmitted Diseases					
Chlamydia	9	296		75	1,959
Gonorrhea	2	44		16	519
Zoonotic Diseases					
Rabies, PEP	2	7		15	165
Other Conditions					
Animal Bites	7	143		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 32:
  - **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (6), Cyclosporiasis (1), Giardiasis (2), Salmonellosis (1), Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) (7)
  - **General Communicable Diseases:** Legionellosis (2), Streptococcal disease, invasive, Group A (1), Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome (1), Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI) (2)
  - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, chronic (15)
  - **STD/HIV:** HIV/AIDS (1), Syphilis, latent (7), Syphilis, primary or secondary (3)
  - **Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:** Pertussis (3)
  - **Vector-borne Diseases:** Anaplasmosis (1)
  - **Zoonotic Diseases:** Rabies, animal (1)
  - **Other Reportable Conditions:** Metal Exposure, Lead (3)

- **Statewide Measles Update:** As of August 18, 30 cases of measles have been reported across five counties in Montana: Flathead (2), Yellowstone (4), Hill (4), Gallatin (19), and Cascade (1). Gallatin County has had three individuals with measles who have reported no contact with previous cases, and no out-of-sate travel/visitors. We will continue to add any known, potential exposure sites to our website; please refer to it often. Please remain vigilant about screening all patients with clinical presentation of measles and notify the health department immediately if you suspect a case of measles in a patient.

Questions? Please Contact:

Gallatin City-County Communicable Disease Program
Hours: M-F 8:00AM-5:00PM: (406) 582-3100
After hours 24/7 line: (406) 582-2100 ext. 2, ask to page the Health Dept
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- **National Measles Update**: As of August 6, the CDC reports a total of 1,356 confirmed measles cases reported by 41 jurisdictions: Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York City, New York State, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. There have been 32 outbreaks (defined as 3 or more related cases) reported in 2025, and 87% of confirmed cases (1,177 of 1,356) are outbreak-associated. For comparison, 16 outbreaks were reported during 2024 and 69% of cases (198 of 285) were outbreak-associated.

- **Pertussis Update**: *Please confirm the diagnosis and differentiation of pertussis/parapertussis prior to notification.* GCCHD continues to investigate cases of pertussis. Year-to-date in 2025, a total of 33 confirmed and 7 probable cases have been reported. Please consider pertussis as a possible diagnosis in patients with symptoms consistent with the disease. Pertussis is best treated early in illness with 5 days of azithromycin. Pertussis spreads easily in households, and all household members are recommended to receive prophylactic antibiotics to prevent infection, even if they are vaccinated for pertussis.

- **Update from GCCHD**: The GCCHD continues to operate out of 400 E Babcock Street in Bozeman for the foreseeable future while the main annex undergoes structural repairs. Services have resumed normal operations at this location.

- **Montana STD Resources and Communications**
  - **Rapid Syphilis Testing:** We continue to offer Point of Care (POC) Rapid Syphilis tests. Community partners, if there are patients who would benefit from receiving free POC syphilis testing, please call the health department. Referrals will be made to local providers for further testing and treatment. GCCHD and Bridgercare are holding free sexual health clinics at the Warming Center the last Wednesday of every month from 10-12pm. Free services include, rapid syphilis testing, pregnancy tests, appointment referrals to Bridgercare, vaccines for sexual health, and condoms.
  - Considerations for the Implementation of Point of Care Tests for Syphilis [hhs.gov]:
  - This document from the National Syphilis and Congenital Syphilis Syndemic Federal Task Force outlines how to best utilize point of care (POC) syphilis tests, particularly for individuals who access health care infrequently and have difficulty with follow-up visits.
  - In some settings and for some populations, the rapid results from a POC test creates an opportunity to treat syphilis during the same visit.
  - A non-treponemal test from a laboratory will also be needed if the POC test is positive.
  - Please read the document for more information and to determine how the utilization of POC testing may be beneficial in your community.
  - Community Partners: Positive POC Syphilis tests must be reported to local public health.

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