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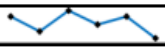
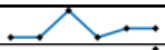
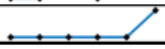
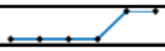
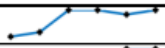
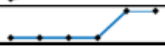
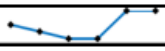
Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report

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 41 (week ending October 11, 2025).

	Gallatin County			State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 41	Total (2025 Year-to-Date)	Six-Week Trend Line	MMWR Week 41	Total (2025 Year-to-Date)
General Communicable Diseases					
COVID-19	17	710		112	6,293
Enteric Diseases					
Salmonellosis	1	18		4	106
Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC)	1	11		4	106
Hepatitis					
Hepatitis C, Chronic	1	14		10	579
Sexually Transmitted Diseases					
Chlamydia	11	379		52	111
Gonorrhea	1	50		9	661
Other Conditions					
Animal Bites	4	170		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 41:
  - **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (11), Cryptosporidiosis (2), Vibriosis (1)
  - **General Communicable Diseases:** Pertussis (1), Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI) (2), Varicella (2)
  - **STD/HIV:** Syphilis, latent (7), Syphilis, primary or secondary (3)
  - **Zoonotic Diseases:** Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (5)
  - **Other Reportable Conditions:** Elevated Blood Lead (2)

- **Influenza:** The official start of influenza surveillance was Sunday, September 28 (MMWR Week 40). Throughout the season, providers are asked to collect and report influenza information to local health departments in accordance with the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM 37.114.205 — rules.mt.gov). All **positive influenza test results** including Rapid Influenza Detection Tests (RIDT), Antigen, and PCRs must be reported to the Gallatin City-County Health Department. Reporting is simplified through JotForm using the following link: 2025–2026 Influenza Case Reporting Form: https://form.jotform.com/252685313610049

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
www.healthygallatin.org
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- In addition, all **influenza-related hospitalizations and deaths** must be reported using this link: 2025–2026 Influenza Hospitalizations & Deaths Reporting Form: https://form.jotform.com/252684844693068
- All influenza-related outbreaks must be reported immediately by calling the Gallatin City-County Health Department at 406-582-3100

- **Statewide Measles Update:** As of October 20, 32 cases of measles have been reported across five counties in Montana: Gallatin (19), Hill (4), Yellowstone (4), Flathead (2), Cascade (1), and Lewis & Clark (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.

- **National Measles Update**: As of October 15, the CDC reports a total of 1,596 confirmed measles cases reported. Among these, 1,573 cases were reported by 42 jurisdictions: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York City, New York State, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. A total of 23 cases were reported among international visitors to the U.S. There have been 44 outbreaks reported in 2025, and 86% of confirmed cases (1,380 of 1,596) are outbreak-associated. For comparison, 16 outbreaks were reported during 2024 and 69% of cases (198 of 285) were outbreak-associated.

- **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.

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Montana STD Update

STD Tracker - Week ending 10/11/25* (MMWR Week 41)

Condition	Cases Reported MMWR week 41, 2025	2025 Year to Date (YTD) Cases, as of MMWR week 41, 2024	2024 YTD Cases, as of MMWR week 41, 2025	% Change in 2024-2025 YTD Cases, as of MMWR week 41, 2025
Chlamydia	52	2605	2680	-3%
Gonorrhea	9	661	584	13%
Syphilis (P & S)	3	100	164	-39%
Syphilis (All stages)	10	378	498	-22%

*2025 data are provisional and may undercount the final number of disease events.

GetTested.mt.gov

- **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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