Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report

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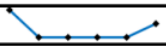
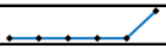
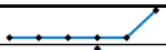
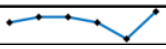
This report provides a weekly snapshot of communicable disease activity in Gallatin County. Data are provisional and are expected to change as more information is received. If you are seeking data that is not included in the report below, please submit a data request through HS@gallatin.mt.gov. The turnaround 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 48 (week ending November 29, 2025).

	Gallatin County			State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 48	Total (2025 Year-to-Date)	Six-Week Trend Line	MMWR Week 48	Total (2025 Year-to-Date)
Influenza (2025-2026 Season)					
Influenza A	30	176		162	529
Influenza B	0	6			
Hospitalizations or Deaths	2	4		9	21
General Communicable Diseases					
COVID-19	19	859		133	7,611
Streptococcus Pneumoniae, Invasive	1	7		3	114
Enteric Diseases					
Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC)	1	14		3	126
Hepatitis					
Hepatitis C, Acute	1	1		1	14
Sexually Transmitted Diseases					
Chlamydia	3	439		45	3,024
Vaccine Preventable Diseases					
Measles	1	20		1	33
Pertussis	1	47		4	333
Other Conditions					
Animal Bites	5	196		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 48:
  - **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (6), Giardiasis (1)
  - **General Communicable Diseases:** Streptococcal disease, invasive, Group A (1), Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI) (1)
  - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis B, chronic (1), Hepatitis C, chronic (6)
  - **STD/HIV:** Gonorrhea (8), Syphilis, latent (3)
  - **Vaccine-preventable Diseases:** Varicella (1)
  - **Vector-borne Diseases:** Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (1), Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (2)
  - **Other Reportable Conditions:** Elevated Blood Lead (2), Metal Exposure, Mercury (6)

Questions? Please Contact:

Gallatin City-County Communicable Disease Program
Hours: M-F 8:00AM-5:00PM: (406) 582-3100
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- **Gallatin County Measles Update:** Three recent cases have been linked in time and place, classifying Montana's most recent measles cases as an outbreak. The Gallatin City-County Health Department has updated its case count after determining that two previously reported cases involved individuals who reside in another jurisdiction. All public exposure information and up-to-date measles guidance can be found on our website. Given our outbreak status, the confirmed exposure in a daycare setting, and the number of public exposure locations, GCCHD is recommending use of an accelerated MMR immunization schedule, as outlined in the HAN that was sent on 12/4/2025.
- **Statewide Measles Update**: As of today, 35 cases of measles have been reported across six counties in Montana: Gallatin (2), Hill (4), Yellowstone (4), Flathead (2), Lewis & Clark (2), Broadwater (2), and Cascade (1). 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 December 3, the CDC reports a total of 1,828 confirmed measles cases reported. Among these, 1,804 cases were reported by 43 jurisdictions: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, 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 24 cases were reported among international visitors to the U.S. There have been 46 outbreaks reported in 2025, and 87% of confirmed cases (1,597 of 1,828) are outbreak-associated. For comparison, 16 outbreaks were reported during 2024 and 69% of cases (198 of 285) were outbreak-associated.

- **Pertussis:** Pertussis cases have recently been identified in Gallatin County. 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.

- **Influenza:** We are seeing higher-than-average influenza activity for this time of year due to an outbreak among college-aged individuals. Patients with the flu should stay home until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and their symptoms are improving.
  - 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 2025–2026 Influenza Case Reporting Form
  - In addition, all **influenza-related hospitalizations and deaths** must be reported using the 2025–2026 Influenza Hospitalizations & Deaths Reporting Form
  - All influenza-related outbreaks must be reported immediately by calling GCCHD at 406-582-3100

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- **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

Montana STD Update

STD Tracker - Week ending 11/29/25*
(MMWR Week 48)

Condition	Cases Reported MMWR week 48, 2025	2025 Year to Date (YTD) Cases, as of MMWR week 48, 2024	2024 YTD Cases, as of MMWR week 48, 2025	% Change in 2024-2025 YTD Cases, as of MMWR week 48, 2025
Chlamydia	45	3029	3180	-5%
Gonorrhea	8	745	704	6%
Syphilis (P & S)	0	125	184	-32%
Syphilis (All stages)	3	455	554	-18%

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

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- **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 each month from 10-12pm. Free services include rapid syphilis testing, pregnancy tests, Bridgercare referrals, vaccines for sexual health, and condoms.
  - 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