Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report

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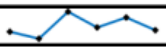
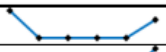
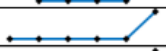
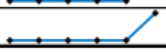
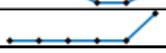
This report provides a weekly snapshot of communicable disease activity in Gallatin County. Data are provisional and are expected to change as more information is received. If you are seeking data that is not included in the report below, please submit a data request through HS@gallatin.mt.gov. The turnaround 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 50 (week ending December 13, 2025).

	Gallatin County			State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 50	Total (2025 Year-to-Date)	Six-Week Trend Line	MMWR Week 50	Total (2025 Year-to-Date)
Influenza (2025-2026 Season)					
Influenza A	28	241		432	1,238
Influenza B	0	6			
Hospitalizations or Deaths	2	8		17	49
General Communicable Diseases					
COVID-19	17	902		236	8,071
Enteric Diseases					
Campylobacteriosis	2	41		6	361
Cryptosporidiosis	1	68		1	121
Giardiasis	1	14		1	72
Hepatitis					
Hepatitis C, Chronic	1	19		11	655
Sexually Transmitted Diseases					
Chlamydia	7	456		58	3,140
Gonorrhea	1	60		9	762
Syphilis, Latent	1	9		5	342
Vaccine Preventable Diseases					
Measles	1	21		1	36
Other Conditions					
Animal Bites	0	198		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 50:
  - **Enteric Diseases:** Salmonellosis (5)
  - **General Communicable Diseases:** *Haemophilus influenzae,* invasive (1), Streptococcal disease, invasive, group A (4), Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome (1), *Streptococcus pneumoniae,* invasive (3)
  - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, acute (1)
  - **STD/HIV:** HIV/AIDS (1), Syphilis, congenital (1), Syphilis, primary or secondary (2)
  - **Vaccine-preventable Diseases:** Pertussis (4), Varicella (1)
  - **Vector-borne Diseases:** Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (2)
  - **Other Reportable Conditions:** Elevated blood lead (4)

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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- **Gallatin County Measles Update:** Four 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 received confirmation of an additional case of measles from a known exposure on December 16, 2025. 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, 36 cases of measles have been reported across six counties in Montana: Gallatin (21), 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 17, the CDC reports a total of 1,958 confirmed measles cases reported by 44 jurisdictions: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, 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 49 outbreaks reported in 2025, and 88% of confirmed cases (1,713 of 1,958) 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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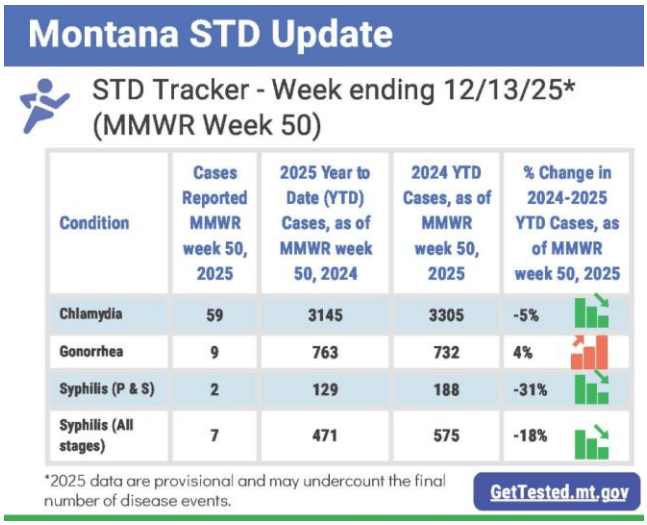
- **Update from GCCHD**: The GCCHD continues to operate out of 400 E Babcock Street in Bozeman for the foreseeable future while the main annex undergoes structural repairs. Services have resumed normal operations at this location.

Montana STD Resources and Communications



Montana STD Update

STD Tracker - Week ending 12/13/25*
(MMWR Week 50)

Condition	Cases Reported MMWR week 50, 2025	2025 Year to Date (YTD) Cases, as of MMWR week 50, 2024	2024 YTD Cases, as of MMWR week 50, 2025	% Change in 2024-2025 YTD Cases, as of MMWR week 50, 2025
Chlamydia	59	3145	3305	-5%
Gonorrhea	9	763	732	4%
Syphilis (P & S)	2	129	188	-31%
Syphilis (All stages)	7	471	575	-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