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Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report

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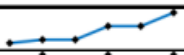
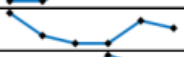
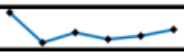
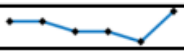
This report provides a weekly snapshot of communicable disease activity in Gallatin County. Data are provisional and are expected to change as more information is received. If you are seeking data that is not included in the report below, please submit a data request through HS@gallatin.mt.gov. The turnaround time depends on the complexity of the request and availability of our staff.

Table 1. Communicable diseases reported in Gallatin County* during MMWR week 34 (week ending 8/29/26)

	Gallatin County			State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 34	Total (2026 Year-to-Date)	Six-Week Trend Line	MMWR Week 34	Total (2026 Year-to-Date)
General Communicable Diseases					
COVID-19	9	184		33	2,911
Latent TB Infection (LTBI)	1	9		5	122
Enteric Diseases					
Campylobacteriosis	3	40		14	296
Giardiasis	1	19		2	69
Salmonellosis	2	29		5	138
Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC)	2	23		5	97
Sexually Transmitted Diseases					
Chlamydia	8	232		63	1,906
Zoonotic Diseases					
Rabies, PEP	3	19		14	334
Other Conditions					
Animal Bites	7	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 34:
  - **General Communicable Diseases:** *Haemophilus influenzae,* invasive (1), Streptococcal disease, invasive, Group A (5), Tuberculosis (1)
  - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, chronic (6)
  - **STD/HIV:** Gonorrhea (4), Syphilis, latent (5)
  - **Other Reportable Conditions:** Lead poisoning (7), Rabies, animal (2)
  - **Vectorborne Diseases:** West Nile Virus, non-neuroinvasive (1)

- **Salmonella outbreak linked to broccoli sprouts:** Public health officials in Montana and two other states are investigating an outbreak of **Salmonella** linked to **broccoli sprouts** produced by **Evergreen Fresh Sprouts, LLC** of Idaho.
  - As of Sept. 3, 2026, two people in Montana, 13 people in Washington, and one person in Idaho have been linked to this outbreak. State health officials in Montana suspect that the number of in-state cases associated with the outbreak will increase once additional laboratory testing is completed.

Questions? Please Contact:

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- Most sick people in the outbreak who were interviewed reported eating broccoli sprouts from Evergreen Fresh Sprouts, LLC. Montana cases reported purchasing these sprouts from grocery stores in the state. Local sanitarians are contacting stores known to have sold the sprouts to have them removed. Sprouts samples from Evergreen Fresh Sprouts are currently undergoing testing at the Montana Public Health Laboratory.
- The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) recommends that consumers **do not eat broccoli sprouts from Evergreen Fresh Sprouts, LLC.** Consumers should either throw them away or return them to the place of purchase. **Retailers should not sell or serve broccoli sprouts from Evergreen Fresh Sprouts, LLC.** Any consumer or retailer who had these sprouts should wash and sanitize items and surfaces that may have come in contact with the broccoli sprouts.
- Salmonella are bacteria that can make people sick with symptoms of diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps. Call your doctor if you have severe symptoms of Salmonella infection, such as bloody diarrhea, diarrhea or vomiting lasting more than two days that is not improving, a fever higher than 102°F, or signs of dehydration.
- If you suspect that you were sickened by Salmonella after eating these sprouts, contact your local or tribal health department to provide details about your illness.
- This Salmonella outbreak appears unrelated to the recent multistate Salmonella and E. coli outbreak traced to alfalfa sprouts produced by Everything Sprouts, LLC in Minnesota

- **NEW Foodborne Illness Complaint Form:** GCCHD has a new online form to submit foodborne illness complaints. If you/your patient suspects foodborne illness, please encourage them to utilize this form: https://form.jotform.com/261124254262145 . The form is also available on our website. Foodborne illness complaints may also be submitted via email (cd@gallatin.mt.gov) or phone (406-582-3100).

- **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.

Statewide STD Data – MMWR Week 32

Montana STD HIV Update MMWR Week 34

Week ending in 8/29/2026

Condition	Cases this Week	2025 Year to Date (YTD)	2026 Year to Date (YTD)	% Change in 2025-2026 YTD Cases
Chlamydia	63	2133	1906	-11%
Gonorrhea	4	578	362	-37%
Syphilis, Primary	0	47	32	-32%
Syphilis, Secondary	0	32	28	-13%
Syphilis (All stages)	5	317	268	-15%
Congenital Syphilis	0	12	12	0%
HIV	0	18	18	0%

*2026 data are provisional and may undercount the final number of disease events.

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- Compared to the previous year and three-year trends:
  - Syphilis (all stages) and chlamydia cases are below the three-year average.
  - Gonorrhea cases are significantly below the three-year average.
  - No HIV diagnoses were added during MMWR week 24. HIV cases reported are the same as this time last year.

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Expanded COVID-19 Data

During the month of August 2026, 23 new COVID-19 cases were reported among Gallatin County residents, a 1,050% increase from the case-level in July 2026, but an 82% decrease compared to August 2025. Among the COVID-19 cases last month, zero associated hospitalizations or deaths were reported.

Table 2. Summary of COVID-19 activity among Gallatin County residents reported between 3/17/20 - 9/5/26.

	Total	MMWR Week 35	% Change from Previous Week
Reported Cases	47,121	8	-11.11%
Hospitalizations	1,784	0	NA*
Deaths	146	0	NA*

*Percent change is incalculable when the previous value is zero.

Table 3. Number of active cases by age group per 100,000 residents as of 9/7/2026.

Age Group	Number of Active Cases	Total Number of Residents	Active Cases per 100,000
0 to 4	5	5,906	85
5 to 11	0	9,138	0
12 to 17	0	7,616	0
18 to 29	7	28,995	24
30 to 39	5	17,388	29
40 to 49	2	14,113	14
50 to 59	2	11,667	17
60 to 69	4	12,149	33
70 to 79	6	6,846	88
80+	1	2,968	34

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