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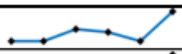
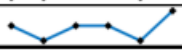
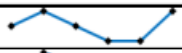
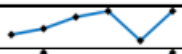
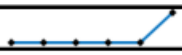
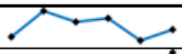
Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report

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* during MMWR week 37 (week ending 9/19/26)

	Gallatin County			State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 37	Total (2026 Year-to-Date)	Six-Week Trend Line	MMWR Week 37	Total (2026 Year-to-Date)
General Communicable Diseases					
COVID-19	15	212		59	3,039
Latent TB Infection (LTBI)	2	12		4	134
Enteric Diseases					
Giardiasis	2	21		5	86
Salmonellosis	1	33		5	156
Hepatitis					
Hepatitis C, Chronic	1	8		9	342
Sexually Transmitted Diseases					
Chlamydia	9	254		63	2,098
Gonorrhea	1	18		8	397
Vector-Borne Diseases					
Dengue	1	1		1	1
Other Conditions					
Animal Bites	5	218		Not Reported	
Elevated Blood Lead	1	12		8	155

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 37:
  - **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (3), Cryptosporidiosis (1), Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) (2)
  - **General Communicable Diseases:** *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, invasive (1)
  - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, acute (1)
  - **STD/HIV:** Syphilis, latent (2), Syphilis, primary or secondary (1)
  - **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Influenza, hospitalization or death (1)
  - **Vectorborne Diseases:** West Nile Virus, non-neuroinvasive (2)
  - **Other Reportable Conditions:** Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (14)

Questions? Please Contact:

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After hours 24/7 line: (406) 582-2100 ext. 2, ask to page the Health Dept
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- **2026–2027 Respiratory Season Reporting Updates:** Montana DPHHS makes amendments to generally revise the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) Communicable Disease Control rules, as outlined in MAR Notice Number 2026-442.1 Reporting for the 2026–2027 respiratory season begins **Sunday, October 4, 2026 (MMWR Week 40)**.
  - Individual COVID-19 cases are no longer required to be reported. COVID-19-associated hospitalizations and deaths remain reportable.
  - Positive influenza test results, including Rapid Influenza Diagnostic Tests (RIDTs), antigen tests, and PCRs, should be reported to GCCHD. *If your facility does not have an electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) process in place for reporting influenza results*, please report positive influenza test results using this JotForm: https://form.jotform.com/262594397313061.
  - Please note that **influenza specimens processed through the Bozeman Health Lab will be automatically reported to DPHHS via ELR**. If you are unsure whether your facility is reporting automatically, please contact the GCCHD Communicable Disease staff at 406-582-3100.
  - All **influenza and COVID-19 associated hospitalizations and deaths** must be reported using the following form: https://form.jotform.com/252684844693068. Any outbreaks must be reported immediately by calling GCCHD at 406-582-3100 or emailing: cd@gallatin.mt.gov

- **Salmonella outbreak linked to broccoli sprouts:** Public health officials are investigating an outbreak of **Salmonella** linked to **broccoli sprouts** produced by **Evergreen Fresh Sprouts, LLC** of Idaho.
  - As of Sept. 24, 2026, 32 cases have been reported across 6 states: MT (4), WA(24), ID (1), OR (1), UT (1), MN (1). Of the cases, 3 (9%) have been hospitalized. 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.
  - Most sick people in the outbreak who were interviewed reported eating broccoli sprouts from Evergreen Fresh Sprouts, LLC with expiration dates of 9/7, 9/9, 9/11, 9/14, and 9/16. Montana cases reported purchasing these sprouts from Town and Country and Super 1 grocery stores in the state. The product has been recalled and should no longer be sold in grocery stores or served in restaurants.
  - The Montana Public Health Laboratory (MTPHL) obtained an unopened package of broccoli sprouts from a case's home, which tested positive for the same type of *Salmonella* that made people sick in this outbreak.
  - 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.

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Statewide STD Data – MMWR Week 37

Montana STD HIV Update MMWR Week 37

Week ending in 9/19/2026

Condition	Cases this Week	2025 Year to Date (YTD)	2026 Year to Date (YTD)	% Change in 2025-2026 YTD Cases
Chlamydia	63	2316	2098	-9%
Gonorrhea	8	615	397	-35%
Syphilis, Primary	0	51	32	-37%
Syphilis, Secondary	1	36	31	-14%
Syphilis (All stages)	3	344	283	-18%
Congenital Syphilis	0	14	13	-14%
HIV	0	18	20	11%

*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:
  - Chlamydia cases are reported at the three-year average.
  - Gonorrhea and syphilis (all stages) are reported below the three-year average.
  - No HIV diagnoses were added during MMWR week 37. HIV cases reported are higher than this time last year.

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