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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 38 (week ending 9/26/26)

	Gallatin County			State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 38	Total (2026 Year-to-Date)	Six-Week Trend Line	MMWR Week 38	Total (2026 Year-to-Date)
General Communicable Diseases					
COVID-19	9	221		48	3,105
Enteric Diseases					
Giardiasis	1	22		3	89
Shiga Toxin-Producing E. Coli (STEC)	1	33		3	116
Hepatitis					
Hepatitis C, Chronic	1	9		4	349
Sexually Transmitted Diseases					
Chlamydia	10	267		51	2,150
Other Conditions					
Animal Bites	9	227		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 38:
  - **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (3), Salmonellosis (9), Shigellosis (1)
  - **General Communicable Diseases:** *Haemophilus influenzae,* invasive (2), Streptococcal disease, invasive, Group A (2), Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome (1), *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, invasive (1), Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI) (1)
  - **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, acute (1)
  - **STD/HIV:** Gonorrhea (10), Syphilis, latent (4), Syphilis, primary or secondary (1)
  - **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Influenza, hospitalization or death (2), Measles (1), Pertussis (3), Varicella (1)
  - **Vectorborne Diseases:** West Nile Virus, neuroinvasive (1)
  - **Other Reportable Conditions:** Lead poisoning (3), Rabies, animal (1), Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (10)

- **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)**.

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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- 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

- **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).

Statewide STD Data – MMWR Week 38

Montana STD HIV Update MMWR Week 38

Week ending in 9/26/2026

Condition	Cases this Week	2025 Year to Date (YTD)	2026 Year to Date (YTD)	% Change in 2025-2026 YTD Cases
Chlamydia	51	2410	2150	-11%
Gonorrhea	10	628	408	-35%
Syphilis, Primary	0	55	32	-42%
Syphilis, Secondary	1	37	31	-16%
Syphilis (All stages)	5	356	289	-19%
Congenital Syphilis	0	14	13	-7%
HIV	0	19	20	5%

*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, gonorrhea, and syphilis (all stages) cases are ALL reported below the three-year average.
  - No HIV diagnoses were added during MMWR week 38. HIV cases reported are higher than this time last year.

Expanded COVID-19 Data

Due to the recent amendments made to Montana's Reportable Disease List (ARM 37.114.203), individual COVID-19 test results will no longer be reported to GCCHD or the state health department. Because the case levels cannot be tracked, the following COVID-19 summary will not be included in our Communicable Disease reports after this week. Additional sources of data include:

- Montana's Respiratory Surveillance Dashboard
- GCCHD's Wastewater Surveillance Dashboard
- CDC's Epidemic Trend summary

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During the month of September 2026, 34 new COVID-19 cases were reported among Gallatin County residents, a 48% increase from the case-level in August 2026, but a 75% decrease compared to September 2025. Among the COVID-19 cases last month, two hospitalizations and no deaths were reported.

Table 2. Annual summary of COVID-19 activity among Gallatin County residents as of week 39 (10/3/26)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cases (as of week 39)	1,404	8,952	15,809	2,274	1,551	667	219
Cases (year total)	9,502	14,400	17,082	3,126	1,866	929	--
Hospitalizations (as of week 39)	35	326	349	145	89	75	10
Hospitalizations (year total)	288	523	420	190	108	88	--

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