

# Flathead County Communicable Disease Weekly Report

This report provides the weekly report of communicable diseases in Flathead County. The data provided is provisional and may change as information is received.

**Table 1.** Communicable diseases in Flathead County\* compared to statewide data during week MMWR 30 (week ending 7/29/2023).

Flathead County			State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 30	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 30	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)
Enteric Diseases				
Salmonellosis	1	6	3	94
General Communicable Diseases				
Covid-19	12	181	178	12,153
Elevated Blood	1	6	3	84
Lead				
Sexually Transmitted Diseases				
Chlamydia	1	129	80	2,082
Other Conditions				
Animal Bites	20	263	Not Reported	

Data Source: MTDPHHS Weekly Communicable Disease Epidemiology Report

# **Additional Information:**

Summary of Diseases in the State of Montana for Week 30

- Enteric Diseases: Campylobacteriosis (12), Cryptosporidiosis (2), Giardiasis (1), Legionellosis (1), Salmonellosis (2), Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) (5), Shigellosis (1), Vibriosis (2)
- General Communicable Diseases: Coccidioidomycosis (1), COVID-19 (178), Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (1)
- Heavy Metal Exposure: Lead (3)
- Hepatitis: Hepatitis B, chronic (1), Hepatitis C, acute (1), Hepatitis C, chronic (27)
- STD/HIV: Chlamydia (80), Gonorrhea (17), Syphilis, primary or secondary (5), Syphilis, latent (3)
- · Vaccine Preventable Diseases: Pertussis (1)
- Vector-Borne Diseases: Lyme disease (1)
- Zoonoses: Rabies, animal (2), Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (20)

### Swimmers Itch

Also called cercarial dermatitis, swimmers itch is a skin rash caused by an allergic reaction to certain microscopic parasites that infect some birds and mammals.

## **Symptoms**

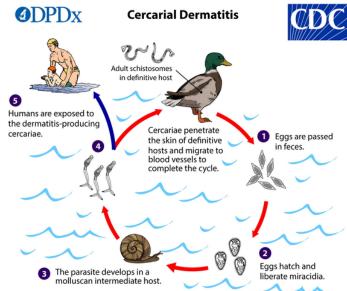
- · Tingling, burning, or itching of the skin
- · Small reddish pimples
- · Small blisters

# Treatments

- · Corticosteroid cream
- · Cool compression
- · Epsom salt or baking soda
- · Anit-itch lotion

## How to reduce the risk

- Do not swim where swimmer's itch is a known problem
- Do not swim near or wade in marshy areas where snails are commonly found
- Towel dry or shower immediately after leaving the water
- · Do not attract birds to areas where people are swimming



<sup>\*</sup>Not all cases were contracted in Flathead County