

# 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 41 (week ending 10/14/2023).

Flathead County			State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 41	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 41	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)
<b>General Communicable Diseases</b>				
Covid-19	63	1,179	802	19,002
<b>Hepatitis</b>				
Hepatitis C	1	23	17	842
<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</b>				
Chlamydia	6	182	65	2,893
Gonorrhea	2	36	11	642
<b>Animal Bites</b>	8	340	Not Reported	

Data Source: MTDPHHS Weekly Communicable Disease Epidemiology Report

\*Not all cases were contracted in Flathead County

## Additional Information:

Summary of Diseases in the State of Montana for **Week 41**

- Enteric Diseases: Campylobacteriosis (7), Cryptosporidiosis (1), Giardiasis (3), Listeriosis (1), Salmonellosis (2), Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) (1), Vibriosis (1)
- General Communicable Diseases: COVID-19 (802), Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (2)
- Heavy Metal Exposures: Lead (3)
- Hepatitis: Hepatitis C, acute (1), Hepatitis C, chronic (17)
- STD/HIV: Chlamydia (67), Gonorrhea (11), HIV (2), Syphilis, primary and secondary (7), Syphilis, latent (2)
- Vaccine Preventable Diseases: Haemophilus influenzae, invasive (1), Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (1), Varicella (Chickenpox) (4)
- Zoonoses: Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (1)

## Norovirus

Norovirus is a very contagious virus that causes vomiting and diarrhea. Anyone can get infected and sick with norovirus. A person usually develops symptoms 12 to 48 hours (typically 1-2 days) after being exposed to norovirus. Most people with norovirus illness get better within 1 to 3 days. Norovirus can also lead to dehydration, especially in older adults and people with other illnesses.

You can get norovirus from

- Having direct contact with an infected person
- Consuming contaminated food or water
- Touching contaminated surfaces then putting your unwashed hands in your mouth

The most common symptoms are

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Stomach Pain

## 5 Prevention Tips

1. Practice proper hand hygiene
2. Handle and prepare food safely
3. When you are sick, do not prepare food or care for others who are sick
4. Clean and disinfect surfaces
5. Wash laundry thoroughly

