

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 10 (week ending 3/9/2024).

	Flathead County		State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 10	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 10	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)
<b>General Communicable Diseases</b>				
Covid-19	7	276	291	5,002
Influenza, Hospitalization, or death	2	71	12	519
Streptococcus pneumoniae	1	3	4	30
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1	1	1	5
<b>Hepatitis</b>				
Hepatitis C	1	6	19	182
<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</b>				
Chlamydia	1	27	62	672
Gonorrhea	1	1	19	134
Syphilis, Primary or Secondary	1	6	4	42
Syphilis, Latent	1	3	4	86
<b>Animal Bites</b>	6	50	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 10:

- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (4), Giardiasis (4), Salmonellosis (2), Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) (3)
- **General Communicable Diseases:** Coccidioidomycosis (2), COVID-19 (291), Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (4)
- **Heavy Metal Exposures:** Lead (4), Mercury (1)
- **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, chronic (19)
- **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (62), Gonorrhea (19), Syphilis, latent (4), Syphilis, primary and secondary (4)
- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Haemophilus influenzae, invasive (1), Influenza, hospitalization or death (12), Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (4), Varicella (chickenpox) (1)

## Groundwater Monitoring

The purpose of groundwater monitoring is to determine the maximum height of groundwater in the area where the drain field is planned to be installed. Flathead County Regulations, Construction Standards, and the Groundwater Monitoring Policy outline the details and requirements for Groundwater Monitoring. Groundwater Monitoring typically occurs in the Spring of the year which is when groundwater levels are at their highest in the valley. This is an important procedure in ensuring protection from contamination of state waters.

