

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 14 (week ending 4/6/2024).

	Flathead County		State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 14	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 14	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)
Enteric Diseases				
Campylobacteriosis	1	9	6	100
Salmonellosis	1	3	9	36
General Communicable Diseases				
Covid-19	153	452	270	5,991
Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	1	7	5	49
Hepatitis				
Hepatitis C	2	9	24	258
Sexually Transmitted Diseases				
Chlamydia	1	37	75	911
Animal Bites	14	75	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 14:

- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (6), Giardiasis (2), Salmonellosis (9), Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) (2), Vibriosis (1)
- **General Communicable Diseases:** COVID-19 (270), Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (2), Tuberculosis (1)
- **Heavy Metal Exposures:** Lead (3)
- **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis A (1), Hepatitis C, chronic (24)
- **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (75), Gonorrhea (27), HIV/AIDS (1), Syphilis, latent (14), Syphilis, primary or secondary (1)
- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Haemophilus influenzae, invasive (1), Influenza, hospitalization or death (4), Pertussis (1), Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (5)
- **Zoonotic and Vectorborne:** Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (1)

Morel Mushroom Guidance

Spring is a popular time for morel mushrooms in Montana. They can be found at local farmers markets, restaurants, or while foraging for them outdoors.

Before consuming morel mushrooms:

- Make sure that you know what true morels look like, or consult an expert who knows
- Pick morels that are dry and firm, and avoid those that are bruised or slimy
- Store morels at 40F or below, in breathable packaging such as a paper bag



Morels should be thoroughly cooked prior to consumption to help avoid gastrointestinal illness and possible death.