

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 49 (week ending 12/9/2023).

	Flathead County		State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 49	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 49	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)
Enteric Diseases				
Shiga Toxin producing E. coli	1	7	3	133
General Communicable Diseases				
Covid-19	31	1,465	700	24,485
Influenza, Hospitalization	3	22	21	190
TB Infection, Latent	1	17	2	247
Hepatitis				
Hepatitis C	1	26	12	992
Sexually Transmitted Diseases				
Chlamydia	1	219	59	3,484
Syphilis, latent	1	12	2	
Animal Bites	8	394	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 39:

- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (4), Cryptosporidiosis (1), Salmonellosis (3), Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) (3)
- **General Communicable Diseases:** COVID-19 (700), Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (2), Legionellosis (1)
- **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis B, chronic (1), Hepatitis C, chronic (12)
- **Metal Exposure:** Lead (1)
- **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (61), Gonorrhea (14), Syphilis, primary and secondary (3), Syphilis, latent (2)
- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Influenza hospitalization or death (21), Pertussis (2), Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (1)
- **Zoonotic:** Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (2)

Bed Bugs

Bed bugs are insects that feed on blood and are most active at night. Bed bugs do not transmit disease but can cause property loss, expense and inconvenience. Bed bugs are very opportunistic and can hitchhike on anything you take home.

Tips When Traveling

- Inspect your hotel/motel room upon arrival.
- Place your luggage on a hard surface such as a table. Do not place it on any soft surfaces like a bed or couch.
- Seal all items in plastic bags.
- Check your luggage before you leave the hotel or motel to ensure you don't bring any bed bugs.
- Unpack your luggage directly into the washer/dryer once you get home.

