

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 3 (week ending 1/20/2024).

	Flathead County		State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 3	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 3	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)
General Communicable Diseases				
Covid-19	31	166	570	2,093
Influenza, Hospitalization	6	35	54	262
Latent TB Infection	1	1	2	10
Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	1	1	2	11
Sexually Transmitted Diseases				
Chlamydia	2	4	44	16
Animal Bites	4	8	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 3:

- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (4), Cryptosporidiosis (2), Giardiasis (1), Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) (1), Salmonellosis (2), Vibriosis (1), Trichinosis (1)
- **General Communicable Diseases:** COVID-19 (570), Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (3)
- Heavy Metal Exposures: Lead (8)
- **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, chronic (17), Hepatitis A, acute (1)
- **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (44), Gonorrhea (7), Syphilis, primary and secondary (5), Syphilis, latent (7), Syphilis, congenital (1), HIV/AIDS (1)
- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Influenza, hospitalization or death (54), Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (2), Haemophilus influenzae, invasive (1)
- **Zoonotic:** Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (1)

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

Pink eye is spread through person-to-person contact. Its spread through close personal contact with discharges from eyes or by touching surfaces contaminated with infected eye secretions.

Symptoms include:

- Pink or red color in the white of the eye(s)
- Swelling of the conjunctiva and/or eyelids
- Increased tear production
- Itching, irritation, and/or burning
- Crusting of the eyelids or lashes, especially in the morning

To prevent the spread, wash your hands with soap and water often. Avoid touching or rubbing your eyes and wash any discharge from around your eye(s). Do not share any personal items such as pillows, washcloths, towels, eye drop or eyeglasses.