

# 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 40 (week ending 10/7/2023).

	Flathead County		State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 40	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 40	Total (2023 Year-to-Date)
<b>Enteric Diseases</b>				
Giardiasis	1	9	3	74
Shiga toxin-producing E. coli	1	4	4	108
<b>General Communicable Diseases</b>				
Covid-19	38	1,116	733	18,174
<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</b>				
Chlamydia	6	176	64	2,825
Gonorrhea	2	35	19	630
<b>Vaccine Preventable Diseases</b>				
Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	1	12	2	78
<b>Animal Bites</b>	8	342	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 40**

- Enteric Diseases: Campylobacteriosis (7), Giardiasis (3), Salmonellosis (1), Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) (4)
- General Communicable Diseases: COVID-19 (733), Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (7)
- Heavy Metal Exposures: Lead (2)
- Hepatitis: Hepatitis C, chronic (10); Hepatitis C, acute (1)
- STD/HIV: Chlamydia (64), Gonorrhea (19), Syphilis, primary and secondary (1), Syphilis, latent (9)
- Vaccine Preventable Diseases: Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (2)
- Zoonoses: Rabies, animal (1), Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (4)

## Influenza Season

Influenza season officially began on October 1st and will end on May 31st. During this time, all Influenza tests are tracked within our county and state. As of right now, Flathead County is seeing low transmission of Influenza, but please be aware that other respiratory viruses are still circulating around.

Please take action to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses by:

- Getting your flu vaccine
- Staying home or avoiding contact with others if you are sick.
- Washing your hands
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and objects
- Visiting a health care provider if needed for antiviral treatment

