

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 18 (week ending 5/4/2024).

	Flathead County		State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 18	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 18	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)
Sexually Transmitted Diseases				
Chlamydia	3	53	76	1,197
Gonorrhea	1	2	22	262
Animal Bites	8	107	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 18:

- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (9), Giardiasis (2), Salmonellosis (3), Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC) (1)
- **General Communicable Diseases:** COVID-19 (77), Haemophilus influenzae, invasive (1), Tuberculosis, Latent Infection (LTBI) (4)
- **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, chronic (6)
- **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (78), Gonorrhea (22), Syphilis, latent (10), Syphilis, primary or secondary (2)
- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Mumps (1), Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (2), Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome (1)
- **Zoonotic:** Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (7)

Animal Bites

All animal bites, whether from a domesticated animal (dog, cat, ferret, etc.) or a wild animal (bat skunk, etc.), should be reported to the Health Department or Animal Control. By calling to inform one of these entities following an animal bite, they will be able to assist you and your family to safely monitor the offending animal, send it for testing, or recommend treatment to you depending on the situation. All animals' bites, regardless of vaccination status, carry the risk of rabies transmission. Because of this risk, all bites should be reported.

To learn more about animal bites in Flathead County, visit:

<https://flathead.mt.gov/department-directory/health/population-health/communicable-disease/rabies-control-program>

