

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 13 (week ending 3/30/2024).

Flathead County			State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 13	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 13	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)
General Communicable Diseases				
Covid-19	6	299	218	5,721
Elevated Blood Lead	2	7	4	65
Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	1	6	4	44
Sexually Transmitted Diseases				
Chlamydia	2	37	51	836
Animal Bites	6	61	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 13:

- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (4), Giardiasis (2), Salmonellosis (3), Shigellosis (2)
- **General Communicable Diseases:** Coccidioidomycosis (2), COVID-19 (218), Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (3), Streptococcal toxic-shock syndrome (1)
- **Heavy Metal Exposures:** Lead (4)
- **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, chronic (19)
- **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (51), Gonorrhea (10), HIV/AIDS (1), Syphilis, latent (16), Syphilis, primary or secondary (4)
- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Haemophilus influenzae, invasive (1), Influenza, hospitalization or death (5), Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (4)

Mosquitos

- There are over 3,000 mosquito species in the world with over 50 species found in Montana.
- Mosquitos breed in almost every known aquatic habitat except swift currents and in deep open bodies of water.
- Mosquitos undergo complete metamorphosis: egg, larvae, pupae, adult. The first 3 stages can last from 5-30 days depending on water temperature and food availability.
- Only female mosquitos bite as they need blood for egg development.
- Practicing the 3 D's can help prevent and avoid mosquito bites:
 - Dump or cover standing water.
 - Dress in loose, light-colored long sleeves and pants.
 - Defend by using a repellent with a CDC-recommended active ingredient such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.

Visit Flathead County Mosquito Control Program Website for more information or call 406-751-8145.
<https://flathead.mt.gov/department-directory/health/environmental-health/mosquito-control-program>

