

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 12 (week ending 3/23/2024).

	Flathead County		State of Montana	
	MMWR Week 12	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)	MMWR Week 12	Total (2024 Year-to-Date)
Enteric Diseases				
Giardiasis	1	4	2	24
General Communicable Diseases				
Covid-19	11	293	182	5,476
Influenza, Hospitalization, or death	2	76	9	546
Latent TB Infection	1	1	4	12
Hepatitis				
Hepatitis C	2	8	24	218
Sexually Transmitted Diseases				
Chlamydia	3	33	55	784
Animal Bites	1	55	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 12:

- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (7), Cryptosporidiosis (2), Giardiasis (2), Salmonellosis (1)
- **General Communicable Diseases:** COVID-19 (182), Latent TB Infection (LTBI) (4)
- **Heavy Metal Exposures:** Lead (3)
- **Hepatitis:** Hepatitis C, chronic (24)
- **STD/HIV:** Chlamydia (55), Gonorrhea (14), HIV/AIDS (1), Syphilis, latent (7), Syphilis, congenital (1)
- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Haemophilus influenzae, invasive (1), Influenza, hospitalization or death (9), Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive (5)
- **Zoonotic and Vector borne:** Rabies, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) (4)

Chicks and Ducks

Raising backyard birds can be a source of fun and education for Montanans. However, backyard poultry can carry germs such as Salmonella, Campylobacter, or avian flu. Follow these prevention tips to safely enjoy backyard birds:

- Always wash your hands with soap and water right after handling eggs, backyard poultry, or anything in their environment
- Avoid touching dead, injured, or sick backyard poultry
- Supervise children around poultry, and make sure they wash their hands after contact
- Avoid eating or drinking in areas where poultry live or roam
- Avoid kissing or snuggling your birds
- Keep chicks and ducks outside of the home
- Set aside a pair of shoes to wear while taking care of backyard birds, and keep those shoes outside of the house

