



Communicable Disease Reporting in Montana

Suspected or confirmed cases of the following diseases must be reported to your [local or tribal health department](#), per [ARM 37.114.201](#). Additionally reportable is any unusual incident or unexplained illness or death in a human or animal with potential human health implications, per [ARM 37.114.203](#). If your Local or Tribal Public Health Jurisdiction is unavailable, call 406-444-0273 (available 24/7).

- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) ^①
- Anthrax ^①
- Arboviral diseases, neuroinvasive and non-neuroinvasive ^①
(California serogroup, Chikungunya, Eastern equine encephalitis, Powassan, St. Louis encephalitis, West Nile virus, Western equine encephalitis, Zika virus infection)
- Arsenic poisoning (urine levels ≥70 micrograms/liter total arsenic or ≥35 micrograms/liter methylated plus inorganic arsenic)
- Babesiosis
- Botulism (infant, foodborne, wound, and other) ^①
- Brucellosis ^①
- Cadmium poisoning (blood level ≥5 micrograms/liter or urine level ≥3 micrograms/liter)
- Campylobacteriosis
- Candida auris ^①
- Carbapenemase-producing carbapenem-resistant organisms (CP-CRO) ^①
- Chancroid
- Chlamydia trachomatis infection
- Cholera ^①
- Coccidioidomycosis
- Colorado tick fever
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- Cronobacter in infants ^①
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Cyclosporiasis
- Dengue virus infection
- Diphtheria ^①
- Escherichia coli, Shiga toxin-producing (STEC) ^①
- Gastroenteritis outbreak
- Giardiasis
- Gonorrheal infection
- Granuloma inguinale
- Group A Streptococcus, invasive disease
- Haemophilus influenzae, invasive disease ^①
- Hansen’s disease (leprosy)
- Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome/infection ^①
- Hemolytic uremic syndrome, post diarrheal
- Hepatitis A, acute
- Hepatitis B, acute, chronic, perinatal
- Hepatitis C, acute, chronic, perinatal
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- Influenza (including hospitalizations and deaths) ^①
- Lead levels in a capillary blood specimen ≥3.5 micrograms per deciliter in a person less than 16 years of age
- Lead levels in a venous blood specimen at any level
- Legionellosis
- Leptospirosis
- Listeriosis ^①
- Lyme disease
- Lymphogranuloma venereum
- Malaria
- Measles (rubeola) ^①
- Melioidosis ^①
- Meningococcal disease (Neisseria meningitidis) ^①
- Mercury poisoning (urine level ≥10 micrograms/liter or urine level ≥10 micrograms/liter elemental mercury/gram of creatinine or blood level ≥10 micrograms/liter elemental, organic, and inorganic mercury)
- Mpox
- Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C)
- Mumps
- Pertussis
- Plague (Yersinia pestis) ^①
- Poliomyelitis ^①
- Psittacosis
- Q Fever (Coxiella burnetii), acute and chronic
- Rabies, human ^① and animal
(including exposure to a human by a species susceptible to rabies infection)
- Rickettsial diseases (including Rocky Mountain spotted fever, other spotted fevers, flea-borne typhus, scrub typhus, anaplasmosis, and ehrlichiosis)
- Rubella, including congenital ^①
- Salmonellosis (including Salmonella Typhi and Paratyphi) ^①
- Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-associated Coronavirus (SARS-CoV) disease ^①
- Shigellosis ^①
- Smallpox ^①
- Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive disease
- Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome (STSS)
- Syphilis
- Tetanus
- Tickborne relapsing fever
- Toxic shock syndrome, non-streptococcal (TSS)
- Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies
(including Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease)
- Trichinellosis (Trichinosis) ^①
- Tuberculosis ^① (including latent tuberculosis infection)
- Tularemia ^①
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Vibriosis ^①
- Viral hemorrhagic fevers ^①
- Yellow fever
- Outbreak in an institutional or congregate setting

Additional Laboratory Requirements for submission of Selected Specimens/Reports:

^① a specimen must be sent to the Montana Public Health Laboratory for confirmation, per [ARM 37.114.313](#). Additional specimens may be requested by CDEpi. For additional information, contact the [Montana Public Health Laboratory at 1-800-821-7284](#).

Isolates: In addition to selected conditions noted above, suspected or confirmed isolates of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms (MDRO) of significance, including Carbapenem-resistant organisms (CRO), Vancomycin-intermediate or resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VISA or VRSA) must be sent to MTPHL for confirmation, when possible.

Influenza specimens may be requested for confirmation of severe presentations/mortality and outbreaks, or subtyping for surveillance purposes. In addition, suspected novel influenza strains are required to be submitted for confirmation and additional testing by CDC.

[ARM 37.114.313:](#) In the event of an outbreak, emergence of a communicable disease or a disease of public health importance, specimens must be submitted at the request of the department until a representative sample has been reached as determined by the department.