



Montana Communicable Disease Weekly Update

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DISEASE INFORMATION

Summary – MMWR Week 12 - Ending 3/23/2013 Preliminary disease reports received at DPHHS during the reporting period March 17 – 23, 2013 included the following:

- **Vaccine Preventable Diseases:** Hepatitis A, acute (1), Influenza* (4) Pertussis (20), Varicella (3)
- **Invasive Diseases:** Viral Meningitis (1)
- **Enteric Diseases:** Campylobacteriosis (7), Cryptosporidiosis (2), Giardiasis (2)
- **HIV Disease** :** (1)
- **Other Diseases:** (0)
- **Animal Rabies:** (0)
- **Travel Related Conditions:** (0)

*Cases confirmed by MTPHL only. Weekly updated Montana Flu information will now be included as an attachment to the weekly update.

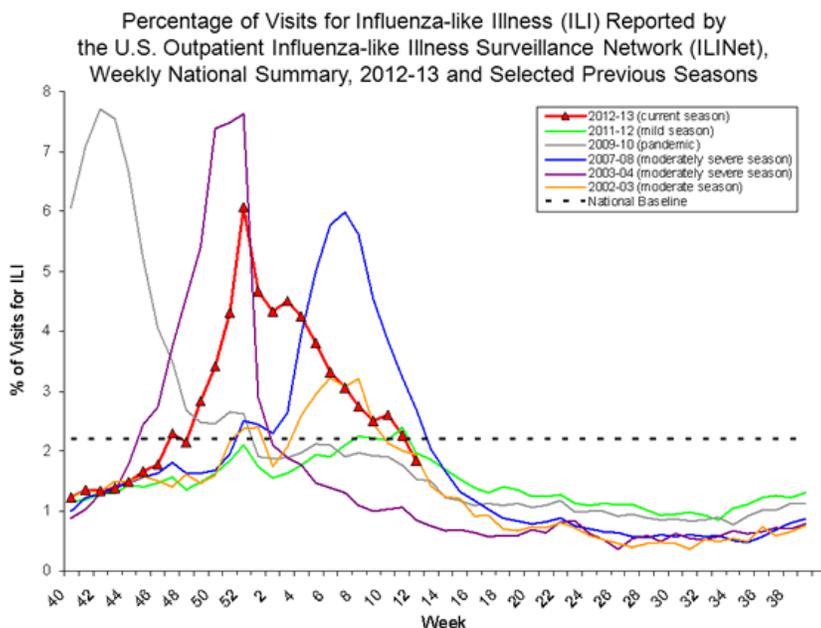
** A case is included if a new confirmatory test or report was received by DPHHS. Cases include both persons who were newly diagnosed and persons newly reported in Montana who may have been diagnosed in another state or country.

NOTE: The attached reports have multiple pages reflecting the following information: (1) communicable diseases YTD; (2) cases just this past reporting week; (3) clusters and outbreaks; and (4) a quarterly HIV/STD summary.

HOT TOPICS

ARMS: The new and improved Communicable Disease Administrative Rules for Montana (ARMs) have been delayed a few weeks but a formal notice ...should... be going out on April 12th. We will be presenting two iLincs on April 23rd and 25th with a summary of the core changes and a question and answer session. You can sign up for this and other training opportunities at the training link <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/training.shtml>

Pertussis: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released their 2012 Provisional Pertussis Surveillance Report. We have attached that for your interest. From a rate per hundred thousand standpoint, Montana is in the top 10 states. Earlier in 2012, Montana was second on the list. We anticipate our Montana Pertussis Summary within the next month.



Seasonal Influenza: CDC has released a special “Flu Spotlight” report regarding the flu season drawing to a close. It is an excellent summary of this season and addresses issues such as how early and intense the season was and a summary of the differences and similarity of the season to others. That spotlight can be found at [2012-2013 flu season spotlight](#). Seasonal influenza continues to decline with some indicators dropping below national baselines (below) including influenza like illness (ILI) visits. Montana reports an activity level of “local” to CDC for the week ending March 23,

2013.

The attached Montana Weekly Influenza Summary is also available at [DPHHS Influenza](#). We are still on track for early April for the final “notice” that will make the new ARM changes effective. To see the full view of national activity, visit [CDC FluView](#). A summary of key points is attached.

INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

2012 Q4 Reconciliation: Have you reconciled yet? Reconciliations for Quarter 4 of 2012 were due on March 8. We still have **10** jurisdictions that have not reconciled. If you have not reconciled your cases for the last quarter of 2012, please contact Stacey Anderson (sanderson2@mt.gov) at your earliest convenience. We have begun our annual reconciliation process with CDC and want to ensure that all cases for the year are complete. Thank you for your assistance with this!

Rabies and Human Rabies Immune Globulin (HRIG) Availability Information: As of March 5, 2013 CDC is indicating

Rabies Vaccine/HRIG

- Rabies vaccine supplies are currently restricted.
- Rabies vaccine produced by Novartis (RabAvert) is available for pre-exposure (PreEP) and postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) from wholesale distributors.
- Rabies vaccine produced by Sanofi Pasteur (IMOVAX), is currently available for PEP only.
- CDC continues to work with partners to monitor the status of the rabies vaccine supply.
- Human rabies immune globulin supplies are currently adequate.

Special Instructions for Ordering

- Rabies vaccine for **postexposure** prophylaxis produced by Sanofi Pasteur (IMOVAX) is available for direct order. Additional details and required forms are available here: [Sanofi Pasteur Vaccine Shoppe](#)
- Rabies vaccine for **pre-** or **postexposure** prophylaxis produced by Novartis (RabAvert) can be ordered through wholesale distributors. A list of distributors is provided below for reference (Please note that this list may not be complete).

MIDIS Deliverable E3: In order to satisfy this deliverable, each jurisdiction must have at least one staff member who is enrolled, trained, and actively using MIDIS by March 31, 2013.

Active use in MIDIS means:

- Regular login to review any new laboratory reports that are in your jurisdiction’s lab queue (login requirements will be defined by jurisdiction but at a minimum should be once every two weeks to keep your keyfob from being logged out), **AND**
- New cases of reportable conditions (non STD/HIV) are reported to DPHHS by entering them into MIDIS within the reporting timelines specified by ARM 37.114.204.

As of April 1, 25 jurisdictions are live in MIDIS (see the map below). When you are ready to begin active use in MIDIS please email Stacey Anderson (sanderson2@mt.gov) to schedule your ‘go live’ date.

