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Dear Healthcare Provider,

Michigan is experiencing the largest hepatitis A outbreak in the U.S. Your help is critical to stop the spread of hepatitis A in our communities. We strongly encourage you to assess, vaccinate, and/or refer people who may be at increased risk of contracting hepatitis A.

The CDC recommends vaccination for all children and anyone who wants to be protected against the virus. Please ensure that children in your care receive both routinely recommended doses of hepatitis A vaccine. About 4 in 10 Michigan children have only received a single dose.

To date, there have been at least 802 cases of hepatitis A associated with the current outbreak in Michigan. These cases have resulted in 644 hospitalizations and 25 deaths. Additional cases may go unreported in people experiencing mild symptoms. While some groups may be at higher risk of contracting hepatitis A, anyone can be infected. Epidemiologic analysis finds that those at higher risk for hepatitis A during this outbreak include:

- Substance users
- Men who have sex with men
- People who have experienced homelessness
- People who have been incarcerated
- People who work, live, have sexual contact, or close contact with any groups listed above
- People with chronic liver disease, such as cirrhosis, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C

The hepatitis A vaccine is a covered benefit for most health insurance plans. To help patients avoid cost-sharing, immunizing providers may need to be in-network. The attached resources highlight vaccination resources for practices that do not stock the vaccine or that serve patients who are uninsured for the vaccine.

Sincerely,

Partnering for Immunizations Stakeholders

Local Health Department Clinic Information

Immunizing Clinics

LHD CLINIC	HOURS	PHONE	APPT. OR WALK IN
Livingston County Health Department 2300 E Grand River Ave., Suite 102 Howell, MI 48843	Wednesday only 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Extended hours on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month until 7 p.m.	517-546-9850	Walk-in only
Macomb County Health Department – Central Health Service Center 43525 Elizabeth Road, Mount Clemens, MI 48043	Monday, Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	586-469-5372	Walk-in or appointment
Macomb County Health Department – Southeast Health Center 25401 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081	Monday 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	586-466-6800	Walk-in or appointment
Macomb County Health Department - Southwest Health Center 27690 Van Dyke, Warren, MI 48093	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	586-465-8537	Walk-in or appointment
Monroe County Health Department 2353 S. Custer Road, Monroe 48161	Monday, Tuesday **Wednesday, Friday 9-11:30 a.m. 1-4 p.m. **1st and 3rd Wednesday of month 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2-6 p.m.	734-240-7800 ext. 7800	Appointment required
Oakland County Health Division - North Oakland Health Center 1200 N Telegraph, Bldg. 34 East, Pontiac	Monday Noon-8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	248-858-1280	Walk-in only
Oakland County Health Division- South Oakland Health Center 27725 Greenfield Rd, Southfield	Monday Noon-8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	248-424-7000	Walk-in only
St. Clair County Health Department – Main Office 3415 - 28th Street Port Huron, MI 48060	Monday 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	810-987-5729	Appointments preferred (walk-ins accommodated if possible)

St. Clair County Health Department – **Teen Health Center (Port Huron High School Campus) 2215 Court Street Port Huron, MI 48060	Monday 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	810-987-0651	Appointments preferred (walk-ins accommodated if possible) **10-21 years Parent/guardian permission required for most services if client is under 18 years.
Washtenaw County Public Health 555 Towner Street, Suite 1103 Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	734-544-6700	By appointment – ask about walk-in options
Wayne County Health Department - Main Office 33030 Van Born, Wayne, MI 48184	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Closed for lunch: 2:30-3:30 p.m.	734-727-7100	Appointment
Wayne County Healthy Communities 9021 Joseph Campau Ave, Hamtramck, MI 48212	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Wednesday 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.	313-871-1926	Walk-in or appt.
Detroit Health Department - Samaritan Center 5555 Conner Detroit, MI 48213	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.	313-410-8142	Walk-in or appt.
Detroit Health Department - The Family Place 8726 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48202	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.	313-410-7803	Walk-in or appt.

Can hepatitis A be prevented?

Yes, hepatitis A can be prevented!

The best protection is to get vaccinated.
The vaccine is safe and highly effective.



Image courtesy of the Public Health Image Library.
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The other way to prevent the spread of infection is to wash hands with soap and water:

- after using the bathroom
- after diaper changes
- before handling food

There is no medication to treat hepatitis A, so prevention through vaccination is the best approach.



More information on hepatitis A

Call your health care provider, pharmacy, local public health department, or go to:

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

mi.gov/HepatitisAOutbreak

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

cdc.gov/hepatitis

Talk with local public health

If you, or someone you know, do not have health insurance, you will likely qualify for free or low cost vaccines. Speak with your local health department to find out if you qualify.

For local health department information, call the MDHHS Division of Immunization at 517-335-8159.

Local health department information is also available on the Michigan Association for Local Public Health website, visit: <https://malph.org/directory>



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Help stop the spread of hepatitis A in Michigan



Protect yourself
Protect others
Get vaccinated



What is happening in Michigan?

Since August 1, 2016, there has been a large outbreak of hepatitis A virus. More than 600 people have been sick in 2017 alone.

While many people sick with hepatitis A live in Southeast Michigan, hepatitis A has spread to other parts of our state. People have become very sick with hepatitis A, have been admitted to the hospital, and some have died.

We need your help to stop the spread of this infection. For the most recent hepatitis A outbreak information, visit:

mi.gov/HepatitisAOutbreak

What is hepatitis A?

Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease caused by a virus. The virus is found in the feces (poop) of infected people.

If a person is infected with hepatitis A virus, it spreads easily from person-to-person.

A person spreads the virus before they feel sick.

Hepatitis A affects people differently:

- People usually start to feel badly 2 to 6 weeks after they get the infection
- Some people can have a mild illness lasting for several weeks
- Others can be very sick for months and a few may die of liver failure
- People who already have chronic liver disease are at higher risk for a serious case of hepatitis A

What are the symptoms of hepatitis A?

Not everyone shows symptoms. Symptoms may include:

- nausea and vomiting
- pain in the abdomen (belly)
- feeling tired
- fever
- loss of appetite
- yellow eyes and skin, called jaundice
 - *See photo below*
- dark urine (often brown in color)
- pale-colored feces (poop)
- joint pain



How does hepatitis A spread?

A person can get hepatitis A when they eat, drink, or touch their mouth with food, liquids, or objects (including hands) that have come into contact with feces (poop) from an infected person.

If you know you have been exposed to hepatitis A, get the vaccine within 2 weeks for the best protection!

Who is at higher risk?

People who are more likely to get hepatitis A are those who:

- Use injection and non-injection drugs
- Are men who have sex with men
- Are homeless or in temporary housing
- Are, or have been recently, incarcerated
- Have sexual activities with someone who has hepatitis A
- Have close contact, care for, or live with someone who has hepatitis A

What do I do if a friend or family member is sick?

If you get sick with symptoms of hepatitis A, immediately seek health care and get tested.

Urge your friends and family members to do the same if they become sick.

