



**HEPATITIS A IS HERE IN BUTLER COUNTY!**

**BUTLER COUNTY IS LEADING THE STATE FOR NUMBER OF HEPATITIS A CASES**

IF YOU ARE:	YOU CAN TAKE THESE ACTION STEPS TO HELP REDUCE HEPATITIS A:
<p>A member of a high risk group (injection/non-injection drug user, homelessness/transient living conditions, currently/recently incarcerated, men who have sex with men, chronic liver disease such as cirrhosis, Hepatitis B/C)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Get vaccinated!</u> See options below.</b></li> <li>• Don't share food, drinks, needles, smokes, towels, toothbrushes, or eating utensils.</li> <li>• Don't have sex with someone who has Hepatitis A infection.</li> <li>• Always wash your hands with soap and water after going to the bathroom and before preparing/eating food.</li> <li>• If you think you have Hepatitis A symptoms, seek medical attention (fever, fatigue, nausea, loss of appetite, jaundice –yellowing of skin, stomach pain, vomiting, dark urine, pale stools, or diarrhea).</li> <li>• <b><u>If you have Hepatitis A, tell your close contacts to get vaccinated within 2 weeks of exposure.</u></b></li> </ul>
<p>A health care provider (doctor, nurse practitioner)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Give vaccinations! Please order and administer Hepatitis A vaccines</u></b> to high risk patients and to people who work with or have close contact with the high risk populations. If you utilize the database IMPACT SiiS, enter vaccines given.</li> <li>• Educate patients that close contacts of persons diagnosed with Hepatitis A should be vaccinated within 2 weeks of exposure!</li> <li>• Encourage your patients to wash their hands with soap and water after going to the bathroom and before preparing/eating food.</li> </ul>
<p>A pharmacy/retail clinic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Give vaccinations! Please order and administer Hepatitis A vaccines</u></b> (see above).</li> </ul>
<p>A restaurant owner or manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Encourage high risk employees to Get Vaccinated! Consider making it a corporate policy to cover this vaccination for your employees.</u></b></li> <li>• Ensure all food employees practice diligent handwashing and use utensils or gloves to eliminate bare hand contact with ready to eat food. Follow guidelines for increased disinfection in food facilities.</li> <li>• Remind your staff to report to PIC if they have been diagnosed with Hepatitis A or are having any symptoms.</li> <li>• Contact your local health department for guidance on exclusion of ill employees and sanitation.</li> </ul>
<p>A drug treatment center, mental health provider serving at-risk populations, a homeless shelter, or food pantry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Give vaccinations! Get vaccinated! Please order and administer Hepatitis A vaccines, or partner with a provider who can assist with vaccinating</u></b> (call your local health department, below).</li> <li>• Your clients are high risk and need to be vaccinated! Your workers are also at risk.</li> <li>• Encourage handwashing with soap and water after going to the bathroom and before preparing/eating food.</li> </ul>
<p>A first responder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Get vaccinated!</u></b> if working with high risk populations. Use the appropriate PPE and practice thorough hand washing.</li> </ul>
<p>A member of the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Get vaccinated!</u></b> if you want protection against Hepatitis A infection, and practice thorough hand washing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Where to get the Hepatitis A vaccine</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask your doctor for vaccination, or</li> <li>• Go to Kroger, CVS, Walgreens, Meijer, Walmart , other retail clinic, or an urgent care, or</li> <li>• Call a Community Clinic (Primary Health Solutions at 513-454-1111, or Centerpoint Health 513-318-1188), or</li> <li>• If you have no insurance, call the Butler County Health District at 513-863-1770, City of Hamilton Health Department at 513-785-7080, City of Middletown Health Department at 513-425-1818.</li> </ul>

