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Sheboygan County Public Health Investigating Hepatitis A Outbreak

The Sheboygan County Division of Public Health is currently investigating an outbreak involving five hepatitis A cases in people who live or work in Sheboygan County. Contact tracing for the confirmed cases has been completed and all known contacts have been offered the hepatitis A vaccine.

Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease caused by the hepatitis A virus. Hepatitis A can spread when someone consumes food or water contaminated with the feces of an infected person. The virus can also spread during drug use, food handling, and by having close personal contact with an infected person.

People who are at a higher risk of getting sick with hepatitis A include:

- People who use injection or non-injection drugs
- People who have been in close and continuous contact with an infected individual
- People who have occupational risk for infection
- People experiencing homelessness
- International travelers
- People with HIV
- People with chronic liver disease

We encourage anyone who participates in high-risk activities to get vaccinated for hepatitis A, to monitor themselves for symptoms, and contact a healthcare provider right away if they become ill.

The early signs and symptoms of hepatitis A typically appear three to six weeks after being exposed to the virus. Symptoms commonly include:

- Mild fever
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Profound Fatigue
- Pain in the upper right side of the abdomen
- Dark Urine
- Jaundice (yellowness of eyes or skin)

The disease varies in severity, with mild cases lasting two weeks or less, and more severe cases lasting six weeks or longer. For more information on Hepatitis A please see the [Hepatitis A Infection](#) webpage located on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website. Sheboygan County Public Health will continue to monitor the outbreak and release more information if further spread is detected.

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