

Interim Outbreak Specific Hepatitis A Vaccination Recommendations

The following is guidance has been adopted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CCD) as specific hepatitis A outbreak vaccine recommendations.

A single dose of inactivated hepatitis A vaccine has been shown to successfully control outbreaks. Protective anti-hepatitis A virus antibody levels after a single dose of inactivated hepatitis A vaccine can persist for at least 11 years. In addition, a single dose of this vaccine has been shown to successfully control outbreaks of hepatitis A.

State funded vaccine is available through the state health department for the purpose of stopping transmission of this disease and ending the outbreak and not solely for immunization. One dose of inactivated hepatitis A vaccine protects the at-risk population from being infected with hepatitis A.

For individuals seeking lifelong protection against hepatitis A, a 2nd dose should be administered at least 6 months after the first dose. Please visit your healthcare provider or local pharmacy for the second dose hepatitis A vaccine if seeking lifelong immunity. **For the purposes of controlling the outbreak and conserving vaccine supply, state funded vaccine should not be used to administer a second dose of hepatitis A vaccine.**

Due to the statewide outbreak, the following individuals are prioritized to be vaccinated:

- Persons who use injection and non-injection illegal drugs.
- Men who have sex with men.
- Persons who are homeless or live in transient living situations.
- Persons who are incarcerated.
- Persons who have close contact, care for, or live with someone who has hepatitis A virus.
- Persons who have sexual activities with someone who has hepatitis A virus.
- Persons with acute or chronic liver disease, including those with cirrhosis, hepatitis B, and/or hepatitis C.
- Persons who work in close contact with the at-risk populations listed above.

For full interim outbreak specific guidelines see:

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/outbreaks/InterimOutbreakGuidance-HAV-VaccineAdmin.htm>

Current Hepatitis A Vaccine Recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/hepa.html>