

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



Ron DeSantis
Governor

Scott A. Rivkees, MD
State Surgeon General

Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
RENEWAL OF DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2019, I issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida, determining that Hepatitis A, a vaccine-preventable, communicable disease of the liver caused by the Hepatitis A virus, is a threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2019, November 27, 2019, and January 24, 2020, I renewed the Declaration of Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of March 21, 2020, there have been 4,347 reported cases of Hepatitis A in the State of Florida since January 2018, resulting in 2,969 hospitalizations and 62 deaths; and

WHEREAS, Hepatitis A continues to pose a threat to public health in the State of Florida and requires that measures be taken to protect the public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott A. Rivkees, M.D., State Surgeon General, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 381.00315, Florida Statutes, and with the concurrence of the Governor, re-declare that a public health emergency exists in the State of Florida. The Declaration of Public Health Emergency issued on August 1, 2019, and renewed on September 30, 2019, November 27, 2019, and January 24, 2020, is incorporated herein by reference, and hereby renewed and all sections reaffirmed for 60 days.

Executed this 24th day of March, 2020, at Department of Health Offices, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Scott A. Rivkees, M.D.
State Surgeon General