Hepatitis A Virus (HAV)
Alert for Health Care Providers

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<th>Protect</th>
<th>Is Your Patient at High Risk for HAV?</th>
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<td><strong>Vaccinate high-risk patients.</strong></td>
<td><strong>At-risk people:</strong></td>
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<td>The HAV vaccine is given as 2 shots, 6 months apart. Patients will need both shots for the vaccine to work long-term.</td>
<td>- Are in close contact, care for or live with someone who has HAV.</td>
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<td><strong>Diagnosis</strong></td>
<td>- Use injection or non-injection drugs.</td>
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<td>is with confirmation of a serum IGM test.</td>
<td>- Are homeless or in temporary housing.</td>
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<td>Report HAV cases to your CHD.</td>
<td>- Have recently been incarcerated.</td>
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<td><strong>Treatment</strong></td>
<td>- Are men who have had sex with other men.</td>
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<td>is supportive.</td>
<td>- Have recently visited a country where HAV is common.</td>
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<td><strong>Prevention</strong></td>
<td>- Are having sex with someone who has HAV.</td>
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**Symptoms:**
- Stomach pain
- Nausea and vomiting
- Jaundice
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite
- Joint pain
- Pale or clay colored stool
- Fever
- Tired
- Dark-colored urine

**Educate Patients**

**HAV:**
- Spreads person-to-person from ingesting small amounts of fecal matter from a person with HAV.
- Sexual activity can spread HAV
- People who are sick with HAV should avoid sexual contact.
- People who are at-risk should get vaccinated.

**Wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds:**
**BEFORE THEY**
- Prepare food, or work with food that isn’t already packaged.
**AFTER THEY**
- Use the restroom.
- Change a diaper.
- Cough, sneeze or use a handkerchief or tissue.

**Do not:**
- SHARE
  - Towels, toothbrushes or eating utensils.
- TOUCH
  - Food, drinks, drugs or cigarettes that have been handled by a person with HAV.

**ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITIZERS DON’T KILL HAV GERMS!**

**Have questions? Like to learn more?**
**Contact the Florida Department of Health:**
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CDC.gov/Hepatitis,
Immunize.org/Hepatitis-A

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