HEPATITIS A VACCINE

What you need to know before you or your child gets the vaccine

ABOUT THE DISEASES

Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV), HAV is found in the stool of persons with hepatitis A. The spread of HAV is usually by close personal contact and sometimes by eating food or drinking water containing HAV.

Hepatitis A can cause a wide variety of symptoms ranging from mild “flu-like” illness to more serious problems, such as yellowing of the eyes (jaundice), servere stomach pains, and diarrhea, that may require hospital admission.

A person who has hepatitis A can easily pass the disease to others within the same household.

In some cases, hepatitis A causes death.

About Hepatitis A vaccine

Benefits of the vaccine

vaccination is the best way to protect against hepatitis A. People who get hepatitis A vaccine have protection for years against infec-