Hepatitis A Outbreak

What Clinicians Can Do

More than half of states across the country have reported outbreaks of hepatitis A. Since first identified in 2016, more than 37,000 cases with over 60% hospitalizations and at least 340 deaths have been reported.

One dose of single-antigen hepatitis A vaccine has been shown to control outbreaks of hepatitis A — and provides up to 95% seroprotection in healthy adults.

Assess and Vaccinate:

- People who use drugs (injection or non-injection)
- People experiencing unstable housing or homelessness
- People who are currently or were recently incarcerated
- Men who have sex with men
- People with chronic liver disease (cirrhosis, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C)

Pre-vaccination serologic testing is not required to administer hepatitis A vaccine. Vaccinations should not be postponed if vaccination history cannot be obtained or records are unavailable.

www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HepAOutbreak
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