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HEPATITIS A TALKING POINTS

WHAT IS HEPATITIS A: Highly contagious liver disease caused by the Hepatitis A virus

HOW IS IT SPREAD: By the fecal-oral route. The virus is found in feces.

HIGH RISK GROUPS: Men who have sex with Men (MSM), Users of injection and non-injection drugs, being homeless, and persons in direct contact with persons who have Hepatitis A

PREVENTION: Hepatitis A Vaccination, two doses separated by six months, > 90% immunity after one dose of Hepatitis A vaccine.

Good hand hygiene with soap and water after using the bathroom, changing diapers, before preparing or eating meals

Use condoms during sexual activity and wash your hands well after removing the condom. Also prevent any fecal matter on the condom from entering or touching your mouth

HEPATITIS A VACCINATION FACTS

- Starting Wednesday, June 6th, Hepatitis A vaccine will be offered at no charge to the following individuals with the following risk factors in STD and Immunization Clinic
- Men who have sex with Men (MSM)
- Users of injection and non-injection drugs
- Anyone who is homeless
- Persons in direct contact with a person who has Hepatitis A

HEPATITIS A VACCINE REMINDERS

- Check the NCIR first to see if client has been previously vaccinated
- Adult dose, 1cc, ages 19 and up, two doses separated by six months
- Pediatric dose, .5cc, ages 1-18 years, two doses separated by six months

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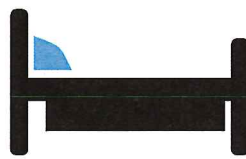
WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT: HEPATITIS A

A highly contagious liver disease caused by a virus spread from person to person. The illness can last for weeks to months.

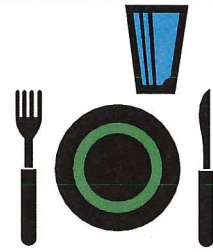
How is it Spread?



Forgetting to wash your hands after using the bathroom or changing diapers



Having sexual contact with infected partner(s)



Eating or drinking foods contaminated by Hepatitis A

What are the symptoms?



Throwing up or feeling like throwing up



Fever



Yellowing of the eyes and skin

OTHER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE: Dark Pee • Grey Poop • Joint Pain • Feeling Tired • Loss of Appetite • Stomach Pain

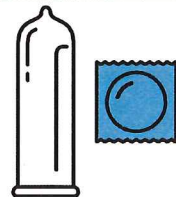
How can you prevent it?



Get vaccinated.
Visit meckhealth.org for information on where to get shots



Wash hands with soap and water before eating/preparing food and after using the bathroom/ changing diapers



Use a latex condom for any type of sex, and use a water-based lubricant to help reduce the chance of the condom breaking.



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