

Possible Hepatitis A Exposure at Event for Homeless

Out of an abundance of caution, the Butler County Health District and Hamilton City Health Department are recommending the following actions be taken by those who were present at “Moving Up”, a resource fair for residents of Tent City in Hamilton, OH, which took place on Sunday, September 9th, 2018, 9am to 5pm.

Background: Butler County is currently experiencing an outbreak of Hepatitis A in high-risk groups. There has been no person identified as having Hepatitis A present at this event, however, persons experiencing homelessness are at high risk for Hepatitis A. A person can shed the virus for up to three weeks without being aware they are sick, it is for this reason that those working this event are being notified that they may have been exposed. It is extremely unlikely that anyone working at this event could transmit this disease to others.

Action Steps: Those persons present at the event who have not already been vaccinated for Hepatitis A, may need to receive vaccination to prevent contracting this disease. **Please consult with your healthcare provider.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the following: “Persons who have been exposed recently to hepatitis A virus (HAV) and who have not been vaccinated should be administered one dose of single-antigen hepatitis A vaccine or immune globulin (IG) as soon as possible, **within 2 weeks after exposure**. The guidelines vary by age and health status, so please consult your own healthcare provider.”

Options for vaccination include:

- 1) Your own healthcare provider
- 2) Retail Outlets (e.g. CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Kroger Little Clinic, Urgent Cares, etc.)
- 3) Butler County Health District – Appointment must be scheduled. (513) 887-5253

More information is available on our website: <http://health.bcohoio.us/>

Please also see the attached info graphic.