## HEPATITIS A IS HERE IN BUTLER COUNTY!

**BUTLER COUNTY IS LEADING THE STATE FOR NUMBER OF HEPATITIS A CASES**

### IF YOU ARE:
- A member of a high risk group (injection/non-injection drug user, homelessness/transient living conditions, currently/recently incarcerated, men who have sex with men, chronic liver disease such as cirrhosis, Hepatitis B/C)

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<th>YOU CAN TAKE THESE ACTION STEPS TO HELP REDUCE HEPATITIS A:</th>
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<td>• <strong>Get vaccinated!</strong> See options below.</td>
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<td>• Don’t share food, drinks, needles, smokes, towels, toothbrushes, or eating utensils.</td>
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<td>• Don’t have sex with someone who has Hepatitis A infection.</td>
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<td>• If you think you have Hepatitis A symptoms, seek medical attention (fever, fatigue, nausea, loss of appetite, jaundice – yellowing of skin, stomach pain, vomiting, dark urine, pale stools, or diarrhea).</td>
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<td>• <strong>If you have Hepatitis A, tell your close contacts to get vaccinated within 2 weeks of exposure.</strong></td>
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### A health care provider (doctor, nurse practitioner)

- **Give vaccinations! Please order and administer Hepatitis A vaccines** to high risk patients and to people who work with or have close contact with the high risk populations. If you utilize the database IMPACT SiIS, enter vaccines given.
- Educate patients that close contacts of persons diagnosed with Hepatitis A should be vaccinated within 2 weeks of exposure!
- Encourage your patients to wash their hands with soap and water after going to the bathroom and before preparing/eating food.

### A pharmacy/retail clinic

- **Give vaccinations! Please order and administer Hepatitis A vaccines** (see above).

### A restaurant owner or manager

- **Encourage high risk employees to Get Vaccinated! Consider making it a corporate policy to cover this vaccination for your employees.**
- Ensure all food employees practice diligent handwashing and use utensils or gloves to eliminate bare hand contact with ready to eat food. Follow guidelines for increased disinfection in food facilities.
- Remind your staff to report to PIC if they have been diagnosed with Hepatitis A or are having any symptoms.
- Contact your local health department for guidance on exclusion of ill employees and sanitation.

### A drug treatment center, mental health provider serving at-risk populations, a homeless shelter, or food pantry

- **Give vaccinations! Get vaccinated! Please order and administer Hepatitis A vaccines, or partner with a provider who can assist with vaccinating** (call your local health department, below).
- Your clients are high risk and need to be vaccinated! Your workers are also at risk.
- Encourage handwashing with soap and water after going to the bathroom and before preparing/eating food.

### A first responder

- **Get vaccinated!** if working with high risk populations. Use the appropriate PPE and practice thorough hand washing.

### A member of the community

- **Get vaccinated!** if you want protection against Hepatitis A infection, and practice thorough hand washing.

### Where to get the Hepatitis A vaccine

- Ask your doctor for vaccination, or
- Go to Kroger, CVS, Walgreens, Meijer, Walmart, other retail clinic, or an urgent care, or
- Call a Community Clinic (Primary Health Solutions at 513-454-1111, or Centerpoint Health 513-318-1188), or
- If you have no insurance, call the Butler County Health District at 513-863-1770, City of Hamilton Health Department at 513-785-7080, City of Middletown Health Department at 513-425-1818.

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