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Two Inmates Diagnosed With Hepatitis A

Butler County Sheriff Richard K. Jones reports two inmates in the Butler County Jail have been diagnosed with Hepatitis A. One of the inmates was transported to a local hospital for abdominal pain and nausea yesterday where he tested positive. A second inmate complained of similar issues and was diagnosed a short time later.

The Sheriff along with the Hamilton City Health Department and the Butler County Board of Health is taking extra precautions and immediately began vaccination procedures to protect the other inmates and staff.

Hepatitis A is preventable by vaccine. It can spread through contaminated food or contact with someone who is infected.

Symptoms include abdominal pain, low-grade fever and loss of appetite. The condition clears up on its own in one or two months. Rest and adequate hydration can help. The inmates are expected to make a full recovery.