WHAT IS HEPATITIS A?

It is a highly contagious liver disease caused by a virus. It is spread from person to person and can last weeks to months. Symptoms usually start within 15-50 days of exposure to hepatitis A.

HOW IS HEPATITIS A SPREAD?

- Sharing personal items or having sex with someone who is infected
- Consuming food or drinks handled by an infected person
- Contact with an infected person’s waste
- Sharing needles, other drugs, or cigarettes handled by an infected person

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF HEPATITIS A?

- Fever
- Dark urine, pale stool, diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes)

Other symptoms include: stomach pain, feeling tired, loss of appetite.

If you have symptoms, see a doctor.

HOW DO I PREVENT HEPATITIS A?

- Get vaccinated
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water
- Do NOT share needles or have sex with someone who has hepatitis A
- Do NOT share food, drinks, eating utensils or cigarettes

WHO IS AT HIGH RISK OF HEPATITIS A?

- People who use illegal drugs
- Men who have sex with men
- People currently homeless or in transient living
- People recently in jail or prison

If you are at high risk, contact your local health department or health care provider about receiving a hepatitis A vaccine today.