HEPATITIS A VIRUS INFECTION

Why Should You Care About Hepatitis A?

If a person has an infection with the Hepatitis A virus, it can easily spread from person-to-person and cause liver disease lasting a few weeks to a serious illness lasting many months. In some cases, people can die because of Hepatitis A.

How Does Hepatitis A Spread?

- Touching objects or eating food that someone with Hepatitis A infection handled
- Having sex with someone who has a Hepatitis A infection

What Are the Symptoms of Hepatitis A?

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Loss of appetite
- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes)
- Stomach pain
- Vomiting
- Dark urine, pale stools, and diarrhea

If you think you have Hepatitis A because of these symptoms, see your doctor or visit the closest Emergency Room. Always wash your hands with soap and water after going to the bathroom and before preparing food.

How Can You Prevent Hepatitis A?

- Get two shots of the Hepatitis A vaccine
- Don’t have sex with someone who has Hepatitis A infection
- Use your own towels, toothbrushes, and eating utensils
- Don’t share food, drinks, or smokes with other people

For More Information

- Contact the Nurse’s Line at 866-358-2966 option 5
- Dial 2-1-1 on your phone to learn where you can get the Hepatitis A vaccine
There are many places around the County where you can get the Hepatitis A vaccine.

Dial 2-1-1 on your phone to find a place near you.