

Important Hepatitis A Information for Food Service Managers/Operators

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

In response to a recent outbreak of hepatitis A in Mecklenburg County, Public Health is providing the following guidance to operators/managers of licensed food facilities.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL ILLNESSES AND POSSIBLE OUTBREAKS IN YOUR FOOD ESTABLISHMENT.

HOW CAN YOU REDUCE THE CHANCE OF HEPATITIS A TRANSMISSION IN YOUR FOOD FACILITY?

- Ensure employees know to report any illness symptoms to you, including onset of jaundice.
- Inform employees that they need to tell you right away if they have a household member or other close contact that has been diagnosed with hepatitis A.
- Encourage employees to get the hepatitis A vaccine. It is available through most healthcare providers and pharmacies. Those without health insurance coverage should contact the Mecklenburg County Public Health to check on availability of free or low-cost vaccinations.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU FIND OUT ABOUT AN INFECTED FOOD WORKER OR HAVE A WORKER WITH THE SYMPTOMS LISTED ABOVE?

- Immediately notify Public Health at 980-314-9400
- Send the worker home immediately and ask Public Health for guidance on when the employee can return to work.

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT IF YOU HAVE AN HEPATITIS A POSITIVE EMPLOYEE?

- Operators will be asked to provide information on the employee's work schedule, duties, co-workers, and possibly other records.
- Operators may need to work with Public Health on employee vaccinations.



For more information on hepatitis A, including information about the current outbreak, visit meckhealth.org.

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