

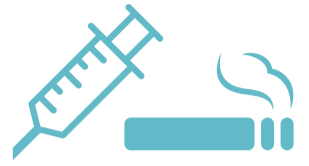
WHAT IS HEPATITIS A?

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.



Sharing personal items or having sex with someone who is infected

HOW IS HEPATITIS A SPREAD?



Sharing needles, other drugs, or cigarettes handled by an infected person



Consuming food or drinks handled by an infected person



Contact with an infected person's waste

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF HEPATITIS A?



Fever



Loss of appetite



Nausea or vomiting



Jaundice



Dark urine, pale stool, diarrhea



Fatigue



Stomach pain



Joint pain

HOW DO I PREVENT HEPATITIS A?



Get TWO shots of the hepatitis A vaccine



Do NOT share food, drinks, or cigarettes



Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water



Do NOT share needles or have sex with someone who has hepatitis A



Do NOT share eating utensils or personal items