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
- 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
- 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, or cigarettes
- Do NOT share eating utensils or personal items