



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.

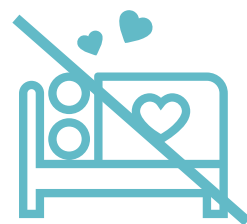
HOW DO I PREVENT HEPATITIS A?



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.