

## **HAN: MDHHS Hepatitis A Media Campaign Notice for Healthcare Providers**

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will be sending the following message via Medscape to healthcare providers statewide. To ensure message coverage, please share this message with providers in your jurisdictions.

### **Action Needed: Hepatitis A Outbreak Response**

Michigan continues to fight the largest hepatitis A outbreak in the nation with 838 cases to-date and a hospitalization rate of over 80%. During June through August 2018, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) will be running a media campaign referring the public to their physician to talk about their risk or to seek vaccination. As partners in the response, there are specific actions healthcare providers can take to help control the hepatitis A outbreak.

**Screen patients for high-risk factors.** In addition to the ACIP Guidelines below, screen patients for the following high risk factors and vaccinate accordingly:

- Persons who use injection and non-injection illegal drugs
- Men who have sex with men
- Persons who are homeless or in transient living conditions
- Persons who have been recently incarcerated
- Persons with chronic liver disease

Additional Guidance:

- [Hepatitis A ACIP Vaccine Recommendations](#)
- [MDHHS Strategic Prioritization for Primary Prevention Vaccination](#)

**Offer vaccination through your practice.** Healthcare providers can purchase private vaccine directly from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Merck by contacting the manufacturer directly via website or by calling to place an order.

Additional Guidance:

- [Hepatitis A Outbreak: Adult Vaccine Supply Management](#)

**Refer patients to the local health department for vaccination.** If you are unable to purchase private hepatitis A vaccine for high-risk patients, refer them to their local health department or a local pharmacy that administers hepatitis A vaccine. Local

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health departments have vaccine available at little or no cost to the individual who is uninsured or underinsured.

Additional Information: [Local Health Department Contact Information](#)

**Clinical Resource.** Henry Ford Hospital established a hepatitis A hotline with infectious disease experts available 24 hours per day.

- Non-urgent questions can be submitted at [www.henryford.org/HIVconsult](http://www.henryford.org/HIVconsult)
- For urgent questions, health care professionals should contact the 24-hour consultation line by calling 313-575-0332.

For up-to-date information and guidance regarding the Michigan hepatitis A outbreak, visit the MDHHS hepatitis A outbreak website: <http://www.michigan.gov/hepatitisaoutbreak>.

Hepatitis A is a vaccine preventable disease. Healthcare providers are critical partners in preventing further spread of this outbreak. Thank you for your support.

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