

Hepatitis A Vaccination Priority Levels for Hospital Personnel in Response to the Hepatitis A Michigan Outbreak*

Recommendations from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services¹

Priority Level	Definition of Hospital Priority Groups Tiers ²	Public Health Vaccination Efforts ^{3,4}
Tier 1: Post exposure prophylaxis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post exposure prophylaxis for anyone with identified direct exposure to patient with HAV (statewide recommendation) 	Hospital personnel in this tier are recommended to receive vaccine or IG within 14 days of exposure managed by hospital occupational health.
Tier 2A: Direct patient care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital emergency department providers, nurses, and techs • Medical/Surgical staff (where hepatitis A patients may receive care) • Intensive Care providers and staff who are in close contact with patients who have hepatitis A • Other staff who have frequent contact with patients who are homeless or use illicit drugs (injection and non-injection) 	Hospital personnel in this tier are recommended to receive hepatitis A vaccine as soon as available.
Tier 2B: Those working in patient care areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental services staff • Security who provide direct services in emergency department, urgent care, or inpatient units • Hospital food handlers and food service workers⁵ 	
Tier 3: Those who may come in contact with hepatitis A virus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory personnel with direct patient contact (e.g. phlebotomists) 	Hospital personnel in this tier are not considered to be the highest risk group at this time, but can be offered hepatitis A vaccine.
Tier 4: Those not in close contact with patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General laboratory personnel • Office personnel • All other personnel 	Hospital personnel in this tier are not indicated to receive hepatitis A vaccine at this time.
Tier 5: Those working outside of the outbreak area ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL hospital personnel working in hospitals outside of the outbreak area* 	Hospital personnel in this tier are not indicated to receive hepatitis A vaccine at this time.

¹Encourage continued use of standard precautions focusing on hand washing.

²These are recommendations and should be tailored based on hospital risk assessment; as vaccine supply changes, these recommendations may be updated. If hospitals from outbreak associated jurisdictions routinely refer cases to hospitals in non-outbreak jurisdictions, these non-outbreak associated facilities should be assessed as equivalent to a hospital within an outbreak associated jurisdiction.

³Those who are routinely recommended to receive hepatitis A vaccine should receive hepatitis A vaccine regardless of outbreak vaccination strategy.

⁴Hepatitis A vaccinations provided to healthcare personnel should be billed to their private insurance, if available.

⁵Hospitals may have a policy in place for vaccinating food handlers against hepatitis A; these recommendations do not supersede any hospital policies.

*For a list of current jurisdictions included in the outbreak area, please see: www.michigan.gov/hepatitisaoutbreak