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HAN: Ongoing Hepatitis A Outbreak in SE MI

Dear Southeast Michigan Healthcare Community Members,

We are facing a large, ongoing hepatitis A outbreak in Southeast Michigan and need your help.

Since August 2016, there have been over 200 cases of hepatitis A, 10 associated deaths, and several more cases of fulminant liver failure requiring transplantation.

To end this outbreak, we must work together to increase hepatitis A vaccination of the most vulnerable individuals, including:

- History of injection and non-injection drug use
- Homelessness or in transient housing
- History of trading sexual practices for drugs or money
- Chronic liver disease (hepatitis B, C)
- MSM
- Anyone who requests vaccination regardless of risk factors endorsed

Please also ensure that staff members who provide direct patient care are vaccinated.

Attached, please find documents including a letter from Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS Chief Medical Executive, detailing our outbreak response, and a brochure targeting high-risk individuals. If you would like printed brochures to distribute in your facility, please contact castilloc1@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your time and partnership.

Sincerely, Detroit Health Department
Macomb County Health Department
Oakland County Health Division
St. Clair County Health Department
Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans, and Community Wellness
MDHHS

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