Protect Yourself Against Hepatitis A

Hepatitis A is a virus that causes serious liver infection and can easily spread from person to person. This virus can make you very sick and even lead to hospitalization.

Many states, including South Carolina, are experiencing outbreaks of hepatitis A. DHEC is working to limit the spread of hepatitis A in our state.







Who is at greatest risk?

- People who use drugs
- People who are homeless
- Men who have sex with men
- People who were recently incarcerated
- People who have close contact with someone who is infected

What are the symptoms?

- Fever, fatigue, loss of appetite
- Jaundice (skin or eyes look yellow)
- Nausea, vomiting, stomach pain
- Dark urine
- Diarrhea

How can I protect myself?

- Hepatitis A vaccine is the best protection
- Wash your hands before and after eating, and after using the bathroom
- Use a condom

For an appointment call: 1-855-472-3432

If you are at risk, the hepatitis A vaccine is available at NO COST at DHEC Health Departments.

Visit <u>www.scdhec.gov/HepA</u> to learn more about hepatitis A.

