



PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE:

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# Hepatitis A

From Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health

**Columbus Public Health (CPH) and Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) are currently investigating 10 local cases of hepatitis A** associated with the statewide outbreak that the Ohio Department of Health declared in June. All cases are linked to certain risk factors that have been seen in Ohio and nearby states.

As of September 11, 2018, CPH has given 910 vaccines and held 78 vaccine events. In partnership, CPH and FCPH also administered 345 vaccines to Franklin County Corrections Center inmates.

**Major risk factors** are IV drug use, men who have sex with men (MSM) and homelessness. Hepatitis A vaccination of high risk populations is key to preventing the spread of this outbreak.

**Hepatitis A is a vaccine preventable and reportable Class B disease** in Ohio. Hepatitis A vaccination of high risk populations is an important intervention you can do to stop the spread of the outbreak. Infections must be reported by the end of the next business day. Submit all reports via the Infectious Disease Reporting System (IDRS) by fax at (614) 525-8890 or call (614) 525-8888.

**Learn more** about the outbreak, symptoms and vaccination recommendations here:  
[http://idrsinfo.org/pdfs/alerts/HepAAdvisory\\_071618.pdf](http://idrsinfo.org/pdfs/alerts/HepAAdvisory_071618.pdf).