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

Recommendations from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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<td><strong>Tier 1</strong>: Post exposure prophylaxis</td>
<td>- Post exposure prophylaxis for anyone with identified direct exposure to patient with HAV (statewide recommendation)</td>
<td>Hospital personnel in this tier are recommended to receive vaccine or IG within 14 days of exposure managed by hospital occupational health.</td>
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| **Tier 2A**: Direct patient care |  - 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 |  - 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 |  - 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 |  - 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 area² |  - 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. |

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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](http://www.michigan.gov/hepatitisaoutbreak)