



**PERSON WITH HEPATITIS A ATTENDED
MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL IN HOLLY, MI**
DHD#10 Encourages Festival Attendees to get Hepatitis A Vaccine

September 14, 2018– The Oakland County Health Division is reporting that an individual, who is a confirmed case of hepatitis A, attended the Michigan Renaissance Festival while ill on September 1, 2018, in Holly, MI.

Because of the possibility of environmental contamination/transmission from the ill individual, vaccination within two weeks of exposure is strongly recommended for anyone who has not been previously vaccinated for Hepatitis A and attended or worked at the Festival at any time between September 1-3, 2018.

Those with Festival attendance on September 1 should seek vaccination by September 15, September 2 Festival attendees should get a hepatitis A vaccine by September 16 and September 3 attendees have until September 17 to receive a vaccination.

The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) is offering a **Walk-In Hepatitis A Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, September 15, from 10:00am – 1:00pm at 2600 LaFranier, Traverse City, MI.** If you attended or worked at the Renaissance Festival, or if you have not yet been vaccinated for hepatitis A, consider getting vaccinated at this walk-in hepatitis A vaccination clinic in Traverse City.

Hepatitis A is an infection of the liver caused by a virus. The infection can range from a mild illness lasting several weeks to a serious condition lasting several months; some may die of liver failure. People who already have a chronic liver disease or are immune compromised are at a higher risk of developing a serious case of hepatitis A. Hepatitis A vaccine or immune globulin (IG) can provide protection against the disease if given within 14 days after potential exposure.

All festival attendees, especially those who are unable to receive a dose of vaccine by September 15, are advised to monitor themselves for symptoms of hepatitis A that could include sudden abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, headache, dark urine, clay-colored stools, and/or vomiting followed by yellowing of the skin and eyes. Anyone with these symptoms is advised to seek medical attention immediately. Symptoms may appear from 14–50 days after exposure.

Additional information about hepatitis A and the outbreaks in Michigan can be found at: <http://michigan.gov/hepatitisaoutbreak>.

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