## 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 | • Hospital emergency department providers, nurses, and techs  
• 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 workers<sup>5</sup> |  |
| **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 area<sup>2</sup> | • 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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<sup>1</sup>Encourage continued use of standard precautions focusing on hand washing.

<sup>2</sup>These 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.

<sup>3</sup>Those who are routinely recommended to receive hepatitis A vaccine should receive hepatitis A vaccine regardless of outbreak vaccination strategy.

<sup>4</sup>Hepatitis A vaccinations provided to healthcare personnel should be billed to their private insurance, if available.

<sup>5</sup>Hospitals 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)