

The mission of the Surry County Health and Nutrition Center is to protect and promote personal, family and community health; ensure a safe and healthy environment; and prevent or control the incidence and spread of disease.

July – December 2018

Disease Report Jan.-June 2015

Diagnosis	Code	Cases
AIDS	950	0
Campylobacter	50	23
Chlamydia	200	213
Gonorrhea	300	46
Hep. B Acute	15	0
Hep. C Acute	60	4
HIV	900	0
Late Latent Syphilis	745	0
Listeriosis	64	0
NGU	400	1
Pertussis	47	10
Salmonella	38	15
Strep. invasive infection-Group A	61	0

Hepatitis A is on the rise!

Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV). Hepatitis A virus is found in feces (poop) of people with hepatitis A. Hepatitis A can be spread by having close personal contact with an infected person, such as by living with or having sex with an infected person. It can also be spread by eating food or by drinking water that has been contaminated with hepatitis A virus – either when in the U.S. or when traveling in other countries. Mecklenburg county (Charlotte) has recently had a hepatitis A outbreak associated with Hardee's. Mecklenburg

County is currently providing vaccination and post exposure prophylaxis to patrons who may have consumed food or beverage from Village Tavern in Charlotte.

Practicing good hand hygiene – including thoroughly washing hands after using the bathroom, changing diapers, and before preparing or eating food – plays an important role in preventing the spread of hepatitis A.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends hepatitis A vaccination for all children in the

United States when they are one year of age, certain children age 6 through 11 months who are traveling outside the U.S., all people who are in risk groups, or for people who want to avoid hepatitis A. Hep A was included in the recommended childhood vaccines starting in 1996; many people age 22 years and under have been vaccinated.



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BOOKMARK THESE WEBSITES!

Check out the Surry County Health & Nutrition Center's website at www.surry.com. On it, find valuable local information and links to other state and national sites.

The NC General Communicable Disease Control Branch:
www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/gcdc.html

CDC Strategic National Stockpile:
www.bt.cdc.gov/stockpile/index.asp#material

National Immunization Program:
www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/acip-list.htm

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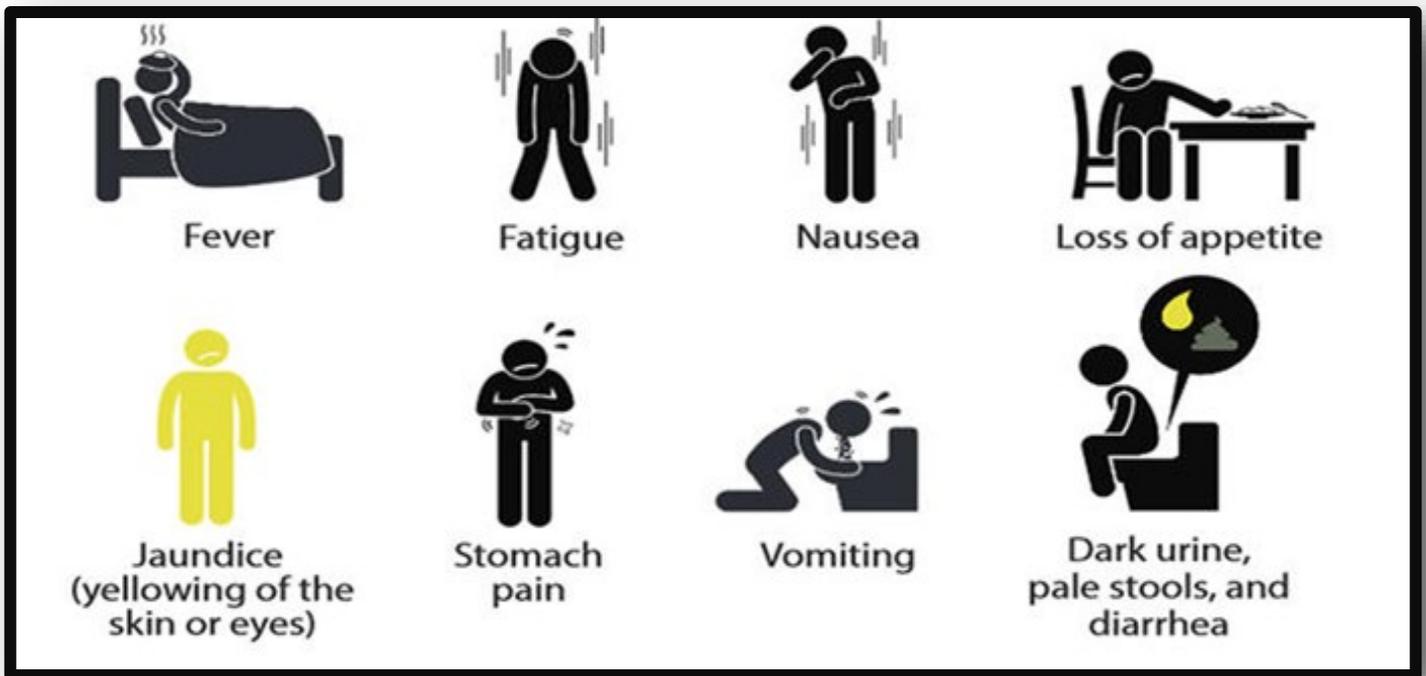
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Hepatitis A (Cont'd)

Symptoms may include: yellowing of the skin and eyes, nausea, fever, fatigue, belly pain, and dark urine. Symptoms can last for several weeks. Sometimes hepatitis A is fatal. Children under 6 may not show any symptoms but are still able to spread the virus to others. Hepatitis A is associated with outbreaks because many individuals can be contagious for up to 2 weeks before any signs of illness appear.



You should be vaccinated if any of the following apply to you:

- I want to be vaccinated against hepatitis A to avoid an infection in the future.
- I travel or work in areas outside the United States where hepatitis A is common. (This includes everywhere except Australia, New Zealand, Northern and Western Europe, Japan, and Canada.)
- I have (or will have) contact with an adopted child within the first 60 days of the child's arrival from a country where hepatitis A is common. (See previous bullet for locations.)
- I have chronic liver disease (chronic hepatitis B or C).
- I have a blood clotting-factor disorder (for example, hemophilia).
- I am a man who has sex with men.
- I use street drugs (injectable or noninjectable).



**Free Vaccination is available at SCHNC
for those who qualify.**

DID YOU KNOW... ?

Before hepatitis A vaccine became available in the United States, about 270,000 Americans were infected with the hepatitis A virus each year.