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### **POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS FOR HEPATITIS A IN SELECT POPULATION**

St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) has identified one case of confirmed hepatitis A in a 33 year old inmate at the St. Clair County Detention & Intervention Center (SCCDIC).

Contacts of confirmed case have been notified and will be receiving post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) either at SCCDIC or SCCHD.

Healthcare personnel should consider hepatitis A when treating individuals who report signs and symptoms of acute hepatitis (hepatitis C, B, and A) and who report having been incarcerated at the SCCDIC March 24, 2017 through May 18, 2017.

#### **Clinical Case Definition:**

An acute illness with a discrete onset of any sign or symptom consistent with viral hepatitis: (e.g., fever, headache, malaise, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain) AND EITHER

- Jaundice  
OR
- Elevated serum aminotransferase (alanine aminotransferase or aspartate aminotransferase) levels

#### **Laboratory Confirmation:**

- Immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibody to hepatitis A virus (anti-HAV) positive

#### **Recommendations:**

- Consider a diagnosis of hepatitis A if client meets the clinical definition and case has an epidemiological link with a person who has laboratory confirmed hepatitis A or;
- Is a household or sexual contact of an infected person during the 15-50 days before the onset of symptoms or;
- Has used either injectable or non-injectable illicit drugs with an infected person.
- Report any **suspect** hepatitis A cases to SCCHD immediately, (810) 987-5300.

Call SCCHD with questions at (810) 987-5300 during regular business hours. Refer to the "After Hours Emergency Contact List" for after hours contact.