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POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS FOR HEPATITIS A IN SELECT POPULATION

St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) has identified a case of confirmed hepatitis A in a food worker. The employee worked at Algonac Flaming Grill, located at 1065 St. Clair Dr., Algonac. The dates of exposure are October 6-October 20th, 2017. Hepatitis A has a 15-50 day incubation period. Post exposure prophylaxis, hepatitis A vaccine or IG, is effective if provided within 14 days of exposure.

Hepatitis A vaccine will be available October 23, 2017 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Algonac Lions Club, 1905 Mill St Algonac, MI 48001. This clinic is targeted for patrons of Algonac Flaming Grill who may have been exposed October 6-October 20. Vaccine will be provided at no charge.

Immune globulin (IG): SCCHD has ordered a limited supply of IG which will be available starting Tuesday, October 24th. The IG will be prioritized for exposed persons older than 75 years, immunocompromised individuals, pregnant women, and infants.

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 eaten at the Algonac Flaming Grill October 6-October 20th, 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.

Please visit the SCCHD website, www.scchealth.co, for ongoing updates.

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