The Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) is investigating a cluster of hepatitis A infections on Oahu. HDOH staff are conducting interviews with the cases in an effort to identify the source of infection.

Identifying the source of infection continues to be a challenge because of the long incubation period of the disease and the difficulty patients have in accurately recalling the foods consumed and locations visited during the period when infection could have taken place.

Healthcare providers have been informed and are asked to notify HDOH immediately if they have a patient they suspect may be infected.

HDOH encourages Hawaii residents to consider getting vaccinated for hepatitis A, and advises that they talk to their healthcare provider about hepatitis A if they are interested. Vaccination for hepatitis A is strongly recommended for certain individuals who are especially at risk (see HERE for a CDC list of groups recommended to be vaccinated for hepatitis A).

Hawaii residents are also advised that the demand for the vaccine during the outbreak has led to varied supply levels around the state, so it is recommended that they call ahead to assure the vaccine is available at a particular clinic or pharmacy before going there.
As a part of the ongoing hepatitis A outbreak in our state, we are performing a survey of Hawaii residents to determine how frequently residents eat at restaurants and obtain food from grocery stores in our communities. This survey should take less than 5 minutes. Please limit survey responses to one survey per household/family. Mahalo for your help!

CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY

As of August 10, 2016*:

Since the last update, HDOH has identified 33 new cases of hepatitis A. All cases have been in adults, 46 have required hospitalization.

Findings of the investigation suggest that the source of the outbreak is focused on Oahu. Eight (8) individuals now live on the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui, and one visitor has returned to the mainland.

| CONFIRMED CASES OF HEPATITIS A | 168 |

Onset of illness has ranged between 6/12/16 – 8/1/16.

CONTACTS OF CASES

Unvaccinated contacts of cases should talk to their healthcare providers about the possibility of receiving hepatitis A vaccine or immune globulin, which may provide some protection against the disease if administered within the first two weeks after exposure.

A contact is defined as:

- All unvaccinated household members
- All unvaccinated sexual contacts
- Anyone sharing illicit drugs with a case
- Anyone sharing food or eating or drinking utensils with a case
- Anyone consuming ready-to-eat foods prepared by an infectious food handler
Note: A food handler is any person who directly prepares, serves, or handles food.

Unvaccinated food handlers who are contacts of cases must have a negative hepatitis A IgM test before they return to work.

Places of Interest

An employee of the following food service business(es) has been diagnosed with hepatitis A. This list does not indicate these businesses are sources of this outbreak; at this time, no infections have been linked to exposure to these businesses. The likelihood that patrons of these businesses will become infected is very low. However, persons who have consumed food or drink products from these businesses during the identified dates of service should contact their healthcare provider for advice and possible preventive care.

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HEPATITIS A — INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Frequently Asked Questions (http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/dib/disease/hepatitis-a/)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Information (http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/afaq.htm#overview)
- “Fight Hep A” Information Poster (color)
- “Fight Hep A” Information Poster (grayscale)

INFORMATION FOR CLINICIANS

For updates, go to http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/updates-and-resources-for-clinicians/ (http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/updates-and-resources-for-clinicians/)

*Updates to case counts, when available, will be posted Wednesdays by 12:00 p.m. HST