

# WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ABOUT HEPATITIS A?

IF A PERSON HAS AN INFECTION WITH THE HEPATITIS A VIRUS, IT CAN EASILY SPREAD FROM PERSON-TO-PERSON AND CAUSE LIVER DISEASE LASTING A FEW WEEKS TO A SERIOUS ILLNESS LASTING MANY MONTHS. IN SOME CASES, PEOPLE CAN DIE BECAUSE OF HEPATITIS A.

## HOW DOES HEPATITIS A SPREAD?

- TOUCHING OBJECTS OR EATING FOOD THAT SOMEONE WITH HEPATITIS A INFECTION HANDLED
- HAVING SEX WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS A HEPATITIS A INFECTION

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE HEPATITIS A, SEE YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT THE CLOSEST EMERGENCY ROOM. ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER AFTER GOING TO THE BATHROOM AND BEFORE PREPARING FOOD.



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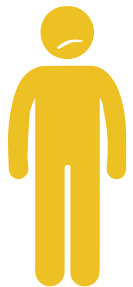
FATIGUE



NAUSEA



LOSS OF  
APPETITE



JAUNDICE  
(YELLOWING OF THE  
SKIN OR EYES)



STOMACH  
PAIN



VOMITING



DARK URINE,  
PALE STOOLS & DIARRHEA

# PROTECT YOURSELF FROM HEPATITIS A



1  
Get  
vaccinated



2  
Don't have sex with  
someone who has  
Hepatitis A infection



3  
Use your own towels,  
toothbrushes and  
eating utensils



4  
Don't share food,  
drinks or smokes with  
other people

TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR, CALL 311 OR VISIT [CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG/HEPATITISA](http://CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG/HEPATITISA) FOR MORE INFORMATION.