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Potential Exposure to Hepatitis A at LA Men's Central Jail

People who were incarcerated at the LA Men's Central Jail during the period of May 13-28, 2023 may have been exposed to Hepatitis A and should receive protective vaccine or immune globulin.

Hepatitis A is very contagious, and people can spread the virus before they feel sick. In congregate settings, it is especially important to address potential exposures to prevent large outbreaks of Hepatitis A. Getting vaccinated against Hepatitis A soon after exposure can help protect against developing the infection.

If any inmates, residents, or patients at your facility were incarcerated at LA Men's Central Jail during this time period, please help ensure they receive the following recommended care:

- Persons should receive of single dose of single-antigen Hepatitis A vaccine, regardless of preexisting medical conditions, AND
- Persons > 40 years of age may also be administered a single dose of [GamaSTAN immune globulin 0.1 ml/kg IM](#). Individuals who are immunocompromised, have chronic liver disease, or have contraindications for the vaccine SHOULD receive a single dose of GamaSTAN 0.1 ml/kg IM.

Hepatitis A is a liver infection caused by a virus. It is found in the stool and blood of people who are infected and spreads easily when someone unknowingly ingests the virus — even in microscopic amounts — through close personal contact with an infected person or through eating contaminated food or drink. Symptoms of hepatitis A can last up to 2 months and include fatigue, nausea, stomach pain, and jaundice.

Hepatitis A vaccine is widely available from pharmacies, healthcare providers, and Public Health clinics.

If you have difficulty obtaining vaccine or immune globulin or need guidance on how to manage a potential exposure, please contact Kristin Edler at kedler@co.slo.ca.us or 805-781-5500.

For more information regarding postexposure prophylaxis for Hepatitis A, see [HepatitisA-PEPQuicksheet \(ca.gov\)](#)

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