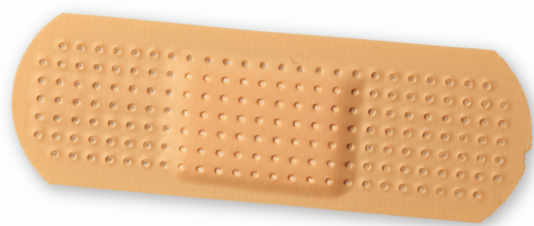


# Protect yourself.

## Hepatitis A is on the rise in our area.



Get vaccinated.



Wash your hands.



Hepatitis A virus is in the feces of people who have the virus.

- If a person with the virus doesn't wash his or her hands after going to the bathroom, fecal matter can transfer to objects, food, drinks or drugs.
- When these things are shared, other people can unknowingly swallow the virus.
- If a person who has the virus comes in close contact with others—like during sex—the virus can spread.



Stop the spread of hepatitis A:

- Wash your hands with soap and water after you use the bathroom, and before you eat and drink.
- Don't share personal items, food, drinks or drugs.
- Contact your county health department for a free or low-cost vaccine, or call the hepatitis A information line, Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m.–5 p.m., toll free: 1-844-CALL-DOH (844-225-5364). Email: [HepA@flhealth.gov](mailto:HepA@flhealth.gov).



Hepatitis A can lead to serious liver problems, even death.

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