Hepatitis A



A **HEALTH WARNING** FOR PEOPLE **LIVING HOMELESS**





What is Hepatitis A?

Hepatitis A (Hep A) is a virus that spreads easily between people. The virus **can cause serious liver disease** lasting a few weeks or up to a few months.

Some people don't know they have Hep A and spread it without knowing.



How does it spread?

Hep A spreads when someone:

- Touches objects or eats food that someone with Hep A handled.
- Has sex with someone who has Hep A.
- Shares needles or pipes with someone who has Hep A.



Hep A has been spreading in people who are living homeless in the U.S. You can die from Hep A.

What are the symptoms of Hep A?



High fever & fatigue.



Yellow eyes & skin.



Loss of appetite & stomach pain.



Dark urine & diarrhea.

PREVENTION

It's easy to prevent the spread of Hep A to protect yourself and vulnerable people who may have a hard time recovering from the virus.



Wash your hands.

- After using the restroom.
- Before preparing & eating food.
- When caring for those with Hep A.



Get vaccinated.

Call Saint Paul - Ramsey County Immunization Clinic to schedule an appointment: **651-266-1234.**

