

# Infection Control

## Pathogen Primer

### Hepatitis A

#### Hepatitis A explained

Hepatitis A is liver disease, or more appropriately the inflammation of the liver, that is caused by a virus in humans.

#### How you get sick from Hepatitis A

Hepatitis A is contagious and is developed when a person ingests fecal matter of an infected person through food, drinks, or contact with contaminated surfaces. A person could also contract the Hepatitis A virus through oral-anal sexual intercourse.

#### Information about Hepatitis A

- Hepatitis A is not a chronic liver disease.
- People can become immune to this virus after contracting it.
- Hepatitis A can survive in the acidic digestive system and live outside the human body for months.

#### Other Information

Hepatitis A is the least severe virus of the Hepatitis family. A person who contracts Hepatitis A could be sick for weeks or months and would not have detrimental liver damage. Death could occur due to liver failure, however, this occurrence is rare.

#### Infection Control Strategies

Early vaccination, proper handling and cooking of foods, frequent hand washing, and proper sanitation of surfaces. More info on the CDC Hepatitis A Webpage.

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