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## Preventive Measures for Hepatitis A

The City and County of San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) is closely monitoring the Hepatitis A outbreaks occurring in San Diego, Santa Cruz and Los Angeles Counties.

Although there is NOT an associated outbreak in San Francisco at this time, DPH has taken steps to reduce the risk of an outbreak here. This includes increased efforts to vaccinate those who are the highest risk of Hepatitis A; individuals who are homeless and/or use illicit drugs (injection or non-injection).

In addition, employees who are the most vulnerable are:

- Workers having frequent close contact in the field with persons experiencing homelessness and/or individuals using illicit drugs.
- Workers having frequent close contact in the agency/medical facility setting with persons experiencing homelessness and/or individuals using illicit drugs.
- Workers involved in cleanup of streets or encampments.

As a preventive measure, SFPD employees can receive free Hepatitis A vaccinations at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, Occupational Health Services, 1001 Potrero Ave, Bldg. 9, Room 115, San Francisco, CA 94110.

Drop-in Days/Hours are as follows:

- Mon-Wed-Fri
- 8:00am – 11:00am and 1:30pm – 3:00pm


If you are unable to come during the drop in hours for the Hepatitis A vaccine, please contact Sandra Szeto, RN at (415) 206-6597 to schedule an appointment.

SFPD employees can also request Hepatitis A vaccinations from their primary care provider.

Please note that the Department of Public Health is prioritizing immunization for uninsured persons experiencing homelessness and/or drug using individuals who are at the highest risk for contracting Hepatitis A, so every attempt to get the vaccine from your primary care provider is greatly appreciated.

In addition to getting the Hepatitis A vaccine, employees can also protect themselves by:

- Using their own towels, toothbrushes, eating utensils or other personal items.
- Not sharing food, drinks or smoking items with others.
- Washing hands with soap and hot water after using the restroom, before eating or preparing food and before and after sex.

  
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