

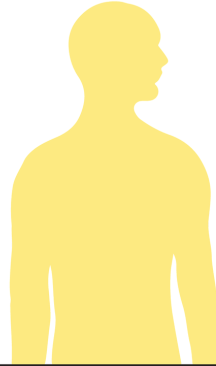
Hepatitis A Virus

In food settings, Hepatitis A can be transmitted via contaminated food or water or by close contact with an infected individual.

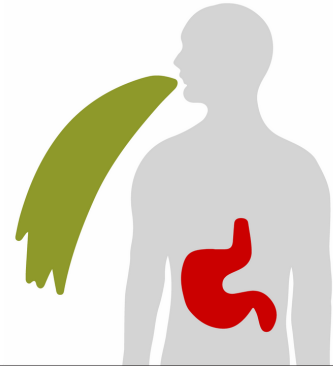
Symptoms of infection with Hepatitis A virus:



FEVER AND FATIGUE



JAUNDICE (YELLOW SKIN AND/OR EYES)



NAUSEA OR ABDOMINAL PAIN

other symptoms include dark urine, diarrhea and loss of appetite

Symptoms take 15-50 days to appear and usually last less than 2 months.

Preventing and controlling the spread of Hepatitis A in food environments includes:

- Proper handwashing and glove use when preparing ready-to-eat foods
- Cooking shellfish to proper temperatures
- Reporting employee illness with Hepatitis A to the local health department
- Excluding employees from work when showing symptoms of Hepatitis A

Hepatitis A vaccines are available for prevention of disease, and became routine vaccinations for children born in or after 2000.

Contact your health provider or health department for information on vaccinations.



A post-exposure Hep A vaccine can be available if given within 14 days of exposure, so timely notification to employees and customers is important