

MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: **Urgent Public Health Advisory: Hepatitis A Case in Local Restaurant**

The Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has confirmed a case of hepatitis A associated with an employee of Fenton Winery & Brewery, 1370 N. Long Lake Rd, Fenton, Michigan. Guests who consumed food or drinks at the facility on May 26 through May 31, 2018, may have been exposed to hepatitis A. This does not include the retail portion of the winery/brewery business (bottled product).

Vaccination can prevent the disease if given within 14 days after exposure. The Genesee County Health Department recommends anyone who visited the Fenton Winery & Brewery during these dates and has not been vaccinated for hepatitis A or who has a sudden onset of any symptoms should contact their health care provider. It is important to get the vaccination as soon as possible.

Regular clinic hours for hepatitis A vaccinations at the Genesee County Health Department Burton Branch are as follows:

Walk-in: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8-11 am
Appointments: Monday- Friday 1-4 pm and Thursday evening until 6 pm.

**Special Walk-in Clinic tomorrow Thursday June 7, 2018 until 7:30 pm at the
Burton Branch of the Genesee County Health Department G3373 S. Saginaw Street, Burton, MI**

The hepatitis A vaccine is also available through some healthcare providers and many pharmacies. Call ahead to ensure your provider or pharmacy has the vaccine available.

Residents of Oakland County with questions about vaccines can call the Oakland County Nurse on Call at 800-848-5533, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Residents of other nearby counties should contact their local health department for vaccine clinic hours.

Hepatitis A is an infection of the liver caused by a virus. The virus is shed in feces and is most commonly spread from person to person by unclean hands contaminated with feces. Symptoms of infection may include sudden abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, headache, dark urine, and/or vomiting often followed by yellowing of the skin and eyes (jaundice). Symptoms may appear from 14-50 days after exposure, with an average of about one month.

Michigan is currently experiencing a serious outbreak of hepatitis A. Genesee County is considered to be an outbreak county.

To reduce the risk of hepatitis A:

- Get the hepatitis A vaccine.
- Wash hands frequently, especially after using the bathroom, changing diapers, and before preparing and eating food. Rub hands vigorously with soap and warm running water for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean and disinfect all surfaces areas, especially while someone in the household or workplace has symptoms. Particular care needs to be taken with areas such as toilets, sinks, trash containers, door knobs, and faucet handles.
- At home, do not prepare food if you have symptoms, and refrain from food preparation for at least three days after symptoms have ended.

For more information about hepatitis A, visit www.gchd.us. The Genesee County Health Department Hepatitis A Telephone Hotline number is (810) 257-3048.

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