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**Patrons of Two Spartanburg County Hardee's Restaurants
Possibly Exposed to Hepatitis A – Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
Recommended**

Summary

This is a Health Advisory from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Food handlers employed by Hardee's restaurants have been diagnosed with hepatitis A infection. One location is at 12209 Greenville Highway in Lyman and involves the dates between August 31 and September 15, 2015. The second location is at 1397 E. Main St. in Duncan and involves the dates between September 1 and September 13, 2015. Individuals who had food or drink from these restaurants may have been exposed to the Hepatitis A virus (HAV).

Guidance to Clinicians

People who have been exposed to HAV and previously have not received hepatitis A vaccine may benefit from post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) with hepatitis A vaccine or IGIM. The incubation period for hepatitis A ranges from 15 – 50 days (2 – 6 weeks). Exposed individuals should receive a single dose of hepatitis A vaccine or IGIM as soon as possible, but no more than 2 weeks after exposure. The recommended actions for individuals that had food or drink at the Hardee's locations between August 31 and September 15 depend on the date of their last exposure.

(1) PEP is recommended for individuals if it can be administered less than two weeks from their date of consuming anything from the restaurant(s) with the last date being September 15. Please call DHEC at 866-298-4442 for information on how to obtain vaccine for these persons.

(2) If more than two weeks has passed since one's last exposure during the window, PEP is no longer of benefit because the minimum incubation period for hepatitis A is 15 days. Please advise individuals in this group to monitor for symptoms of hepatitis (fever, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and jaundice) for about 50 days from their last date of exposure and follow appropriate infection control measures (hand washing, not sharing dishes, etc.). Individuals infected with hepatitis A are most infectious in the two weeks before the onset of symptoms, the period of maximum viral excretion in the stool.

Persons who have had hepatitis A infection, or who have received one dose of hepatitis A vaccine, are protected from the virus and are not recommended for PEP.

Persons who are not previously vaccinated and for whom PEP is recommended should receive either:

- Hepatitis A vaccine, if 12 months through 40 years of age; or
- Hepatitis A immune globulin (IG), if chronically ill or over 40 years of age. Hepatitis A vaccine is acceptable if IG is not available.

Follow-up/Guidance

Long-term protection against hepatitis A is achieved by completion of the recommended hepatitis A vaccine series. Individuals who receive a dose of vaccine for post-exposure prophylaxis should consider completion of the routine vaccine series.

Please contact DHEC at 1-866-298-4442 if you have any questions about this advisory.

- For more information on HAV testing, diagnosis, and vaccination please refer to <http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment/2010/vaccine.htm#a1>

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