

## Pikeville Clinic

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As you probably know, a small number of counties in our state are dealing with a hepatitis A outbreak. Pike County **is not** one of these counties. **Currently there are no reported hepatitis A cases in our county.**

The Pike County Health Department is being proactive in this hepatitis A outbreak facing our state. Our environmental staff visited many local restaurants recently and provided managers with information on hepatitis A virus. This letter is a follow-up to that visit.

A review of what was discussed during those restaurant visits:

- **The best way to prevent hepatitis A infection is by getting the two-dose vaccine.**
- Hepatitis A vaccinations are available at the Pike County Health Department.
- The health department can give the two-dose hepatitis A vaccine on-site at a restaurant if there are 10 or more employees wanting the vaccine.
- Insurance can be billed for the hepatitis A vaccine.
- The cost of each hepatitis A vaccine, for those paying out of pocket is \$98.00 (i.e., without insurance coverage).
- Hepatitis A is primarily spread through the fecal-oral transmission. The best way to decrease the chance of getting and/or spreading hepatitis A is to **WASH YOUR HANDS** and wash them often.
- When employees use the restroom, they need to be sure to wash their hands in the restroom and then again when returning to the kitchen area.
- Hand sanitizers are **NOT** effective against the hepatitis A virus.
- Hand sanitizers **DO NOT** take the place of proper hand washing.
- If an establishment has an employee that is diagnosed with hepatitis A, they are to notify the health department immediately.

We appreciate your efforts in helping us be proactive to this hepatitis A outbreak currently affecting parts of Kentucky. The Pike County Health Department will continue to work diligently with state and local partners to ensure the protection of Pike Countians.

Additional Information about hepatitis A in Kentucky can be found at the following sites:

<https://www.pikecountyhealth.com>

<http://chfs.ky.gov/>

<https://www.facebook.com/kychfs>

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you,

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*"Leading our Community in Prevention"*