



Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
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RE: Hepatitis A in the Island Lake Area

Dear Health Care Provider,

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care (MHS LTC) has been monitoring an outbreak of hepatitis A in the Island Lake area of Northern Manitoba, which includes the communities of Garden Hill, St. Theresa Point, Wasagamack, and Red Sucker Lake.

As part of the hepatitis A outbreak response, in addition to hepatitis A vaccine that is routinely provided to contacts of hepatitis A cases, all community members over 6 months of age in the Island Lake area (Garden Hill, St. Theresa Point, Wasagamack, and Red Sucker Lake) are eligible for 2 doses of hepatitis A vaccine. Anyone travelling to or working in these communities is also eligible.

What can you do?

- We ask that you remain vigilant and aware of the potential for local transmission of hepatitis A in Manitoba in anyone who presents with symptoms. Early identification and clinical assessment, along with testing and reporting to public health is essential. Hepatitis A vaccine is routinely provided to all eligible contacts of cases.
- Refer to the hepatitis A communicable disease protocol for further information: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/hepa.pdf>.
- Review immunization records and offer hepatitis A vaccines to eligible individuals. Community immunization efforts are ongoing.

Vaccines can be requested by completing the Manitoba Health Vaccines and Biologics Order Form (www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/vaccinebiologics.pdf) and faxing or emailing the completed form to the Provincial Vaccine Warehouse.

If you have any questions, please email vaccines@gov.mb.ca. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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