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Twenty-fold Increase in Hepatitis A Cases – Health Department Adds Vaccine Clinics

St. Clair County Health Department reports more than a twenty-fold increase in hepatitis A cases from July through December 2017 compared to this timeframe in 2016. The increase is associated with the Southeast Michigan hepatitis A outbreak. There have been 630 cases and 20 deaths in Southeast Michigan since August 2016. In response, the Health Department will be expanding vaccination clinics in January. The hepatitis A vaccine is safe and very effective.

Walk-in vaccine clinics will be on Mondays from 10:00am – 6:00pm beginning January 8, 2018, while supplies last, at the main office located at 3415 28th Street in Port Huron. Call (810) 987-5300 to schedule appointments Tuesday through Friday.

The following offsite hepatitis A vaccine clinics will be from 10:00am – 6:30pm and open to the public:

- January 3 – Mussey Township Fire Hall at 550 W. Mill St. in Capac
- January 10 – Fort Gratiot Township Hall at 3720 Keewahdin Rd. in Fort Gratiot
- January 11 – Pine Shores Golf Club at 515 Fred W. Moore Hwy. in St. Clair
- January 17 – McMorran Place in the Memorial Room at 701 McMorran Blvd. in Port Huron

Vaccine is available with no out-of-pocket cost. Please bring insurance if possible. Those attending offsite clinics should bring a completed “Hepatitis A Vaccine Form” found at www.scchealth.co.

Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver disease spread from person-to-person. Exposure can lead to a serious infection that may result in weeks of illness, hospitalization and even death. Any person without the vaccine or history of the infection is at risk. Updates will be available on our website, social media @scchdmi, or the hepatitis A hotline at (810) 966-4162.

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