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Health Department Adds Off-Site Clinics for Hepatitis A

In response to Eaton County's status as a hepatitis A outbreak county, the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) is adding off-site clinics to which individuals at high risk for hepatitis A can come to get vaccinated against hepatitis A.

Two off-site clinics have been scheduled for April:

April 5th at 6pm

Real Life Church - 1848 S. Cochran Road Charlotte, MI
Before the Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Monthly Meeting

April 12th at 10am

Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center - 135 S. Washington St, Charlotte, MI
At the Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center's Food Distribution Day

More off-site clinics may be added in Eaton County for the month of April. Information about upcoming clinics can be found at <https://www.barryeatonhealth.org/hepatitis-outbreak>.

Off-site clinics are intended for people at high risk for hepatitis A. Those in the high-risk groups are eligible for a free hepatitis A vaccine. Those who are not in a high-risk group can still receive the hepatitis A vaccine at an off-site clinic; however, they will need to bring their insurance card. High-risk groups include:

- Persons who use illegal drugs
- Persons who are homeless or move around a lot
- Persons who are or were recently in jail or prison
- Men who have sex with men
- Persons with an acute or chronic liver disease

Anyone who wants to be vaccinated against hepatitis A can get vaccinated at BEDHD. Most private insurance is accepted. Individuals who don't have insurance or whose insurance doesn't cover the vaccine may qualify for a low-cost vaccine if they are in a high-risk group.

BEDHD's Charlotte office is still offering walk-in hepatitis A vaccinations Monday through Friday, 8am–5pm. In addition, the office is open late on Wednesdays, from 5–7pm, for walk-in hepatitis A vaccinations. Individuals can call (517) 541-2630 for more information. To get vaccinated at BEDHD's Hastings office, individuals should call (269) 798-4133 to make an appointment.

Eaton County has had five cases of hepatitis A since December 2017. One individual has died. Statewide, since the official start of the statewide outbreak in August 2016 through March 21, 2018, 789 individuals



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have had illness linked to the outbreak. This outbreak has had an unusually high hospitalization rate, with 81 percent of ill individuals being hospitalized. Twenty-four deaths have been reported.

People who believe they have been exposed to hepatitis A or who have symptoms should contact their healthcare provider immediately. For more information about hepatitis A, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/>. For more information about the Southeast Michigan Hepatitis A outbreak, visit <http://michigan.gov/hepatitisaoutbreak>.