Case Information:

9 patients diagnosed with acute hepatitis A
0.67 cases per 100,000 people
11% increase since 2017

Demographics:
- 44% of patients were male
- 54 years old on average
- 100% White

Geography:

Clinical Characteristics:

Mode of transmission:
- 1 patient reported using drugs not prescribed by a doctor
- 1 patient reported experiencing homelessness

- 100% had symptoms
- 100% had elevated liver enzyme lab test
- 56% were jaundiced

Contact Investigations:
- 38 medical providers interviewed
- 9 patients interviewed
- 3 patients hospitalized
- 1 patient reported international travel
- 0 patients reported working as a food handler
- 0 patients had been previously vaccinated for hepatitis A virus

Prevention:
- Get vaccinated against hepatitis A
- Wash hands thoroughly after using restroom and before preparing food
- Avoid sexual practices that may allow fecal-oral transmission.
- When traveling, do not drink tap water or use ice

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