Case Information:

- **9** patients diagnosed with acute hepatitis A
- **.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:

- **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** patients 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

For more information visit:

- [www.maine.gov/idepi](http://www.maine.gov/idepi)
- [https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/index.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/index.htm)