



# Acute Hepatitis A

## Maine Surveillance Report | 2018

### Case Information:

9

patients diagnosed with acute hepatitis A

.67

cases per 100,000 people

11%

increase since 2017

### Demographics:

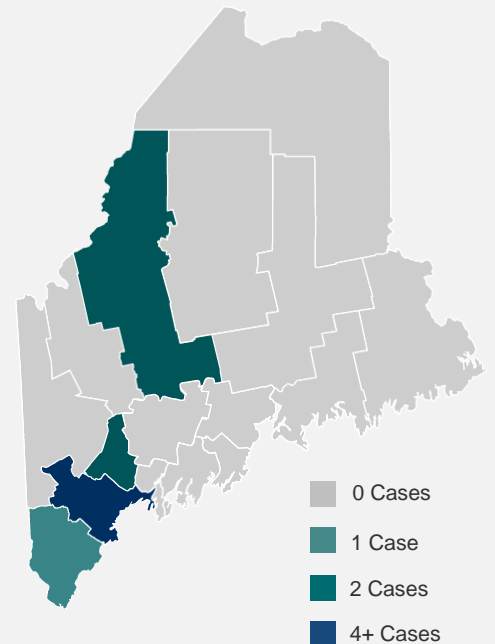


44% of patients were male

54 years old on average

100% White

### Geography:



### 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>
- <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/hepatitis/index.shtml>

### 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 investigations conducted

- 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