# HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF HEPATITIS A

Hepatitis A is spreading in Hillsborough County. This is a serious liver disease that can easily be passed from person to person when hands are not washed properly. **Anyone can get hepatitis A.** 

### WASH YOUR HANDS

- Wet your hands with clean, running warm water and apply soap.
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  - Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
  - Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds.
  - Rinse your hands well under clean, running warm water.
  - Dry your hands using a clean towel, paper towel, or air dry them.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?





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## HEPATITIS A KNOW YOUR RISK

**Hepatitis A** is a virus that causes serious liver infection and can easily spread from person to person. This virus can make you sick for weeks to months.

#### WHO IS AT HIGHER RISK?

People who use drugs

- People living with someone who has hepatitis A
- Men who have sex with men

- People who recently spent time in jail or prison
- People who are homeless or have unstable housing
- People caring for someone who has hepatitis A

#### **HOW IS IT SPREAD?**



An infected person not washing their hands after using the bathroom



Close personal contact with someone who has hepatitis A



Drinking or eating food contaminated with hepatitis A



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