

# Hepatitis A

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<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/afaq.htm#overview>

## What is Hepatitis A?

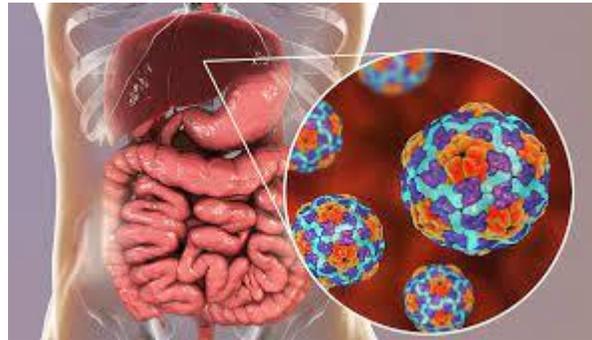
Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver infection caused by the Hepatitis A virus. Most people recover after several weeks, but it can cause liver failure and even death in rare cases.

## How does Hepatitis A spread?

- **Person to person contact**
  - Using drugs with others
  - Sexual contact
  - Caring for someone who is ill
- **Eating contaminated food or drink**
  - Food can become infected at any point (growing, harvesting, processing, handling, and after cooking)

## What are the signs of Hepatitis A infection?

- Yellow skin or eyes
- Not wanting to eat
- Upset/pain in the stomach
- Fever
- Feeling tired
- Joint pain
- Dark urine or light-colored stools
- Diarrhea



## How to prevent Hepatitis A?

The best way to prevent Hepatitis A is through vaccination. More than one shot may be needed.

## How is Hepatitis A infection diagnosed/treated?

Your doctor will determine if you have a blood test. People with severe symptoms will need medical care in a hospital.