Hepatitis A Post-Exposure Prophylaxis

Persons who have recently been exposed to hepatitis A virus (HAV) and who previously have not received HAV vaccine should receive a single dose of single-antigen hepatitis A vaccine or immune globulin (IG; 0.02 mL/kg) as soon as possible, within 2 weeks after exposure.* The efficacy of IG or vaccine when administered greater than 2 weeks after exposure has not been established.

The guidelines vary by age and health status*:

- For healthy persons aged 12 months – 40 years, single-antigen hepatitis A vaccine at the age-appropriate dose is preferred to IG because of the vaccine’s advantages, including long-term protection and ease of administration, as well as the equivalent efficacy of vaccine to IG.
- For persons older than 40 years, IG is preferred because of the absence of information regarding vaccine performance in this age group and because of the more severe manifestations of hepatitis A in older adults; vaccine may be used if IG cannot be obtained.
- For children aged <12 months, immunocompromised persons, persons with chronic liver disease, and persons who are allergic to the vaccine or a vaccine component, IG should be used.

Persons who receive hepatitis A vaccine should receive a 2nd dose a minimum of 6 months after the first dose.


Immune Globulin

Immune globulin is shipped by distributors directly to providers, typically overnight or via 2 day shipping, depending on the delivery location.

Products:

- NDC 13533-0635-04 [2ml vial]
- NDC 13533-0635-12 [10 mL vial]

Distributors:

- Amerisource Bergen/ASD Healthcare  (Tel. 1-800-746-6273)
- McKesson Plasma and Biologics  (Tel. 1-877-625-2566)
- Weinstein Pharmaceuticals & Medical Products  (Tel. 808-591-8331)

Pharmacies able to order IG for clinician administration:
Hepatitis A Vaccine

Hepatitis A vaccine is available at pharmacies statewide

- Call 2-1-1

* For further information regarding hepatitis A post-exposure prophylaxis, please refer to: [http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HAV/HAVfaq.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HAV/HAVfaq.htm)