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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Broward County Health Department (BCHD) confirmed Broward County has been identified as one of several areas experiencing a Hepatitis A outbreak.

The Signs and Symptoms: Mode of transmission and incubation period are as follows:

Signs and Symptoms: A viral infection, which begins with an abrupt fever, discomfort, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal cramping followed within a few days by jaundice and flu-like symptoms.

Mode of Transmission: Person to person by oral fecal route.

Incubation Period: 15 to 50 days with an average of 28 to 30 days.

Prevention against Hepatitis A:

- Hepatitis A vaccination. Please contact your health provider for more information about the vaccine and who should be vaccinated.
- Practice good hand hygiene-including thoroughly washing hands after using the bathroom, changing diapers, and before preparing or eating food-plays an important role in preventing spread of Hepatitis A.

Should your child present any of the symptoms, we recommend that you consult your family healthcare provider.

Attached is a Hepatitis A Fact Sheet from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For further information, go to

- <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/afaq.htm#overview>
- <http://broward.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/hepatitis/index.html>

If you have questions, please feel free to call us.

Sincerely,

Principal

Attachment: Hepatitis A Fact Sheet from CDC