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From the Office of Dr. Joyce Lock, Medical Officer of Health, Southwestern Public Health

Hepatitis A (HAV) Exposure at TA Travel Centre, Woodstock

Southwestern Public Health was notified on August 24 of a confirmed case of hepatitis A infection in a food handler who works at the **TA Travel Centre** located at 535 Mill Street in Woodstock, ON. The employee was involved in various aspects of food preparation for patrons of the restaurant (not the buffet or the convenience store foods) between August 6 to August 22.

Ideally, post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) should be offered within 14 days of the last exposure to the case. Southwestern Public Health recommends that **all** individuals who ordered from the menu (not buffet or convenience store) between **August 6 to August 22** should receive the hepatitis A vaccine as soon as possible. For some individuals, immune globulin is also recommended. Please see the attached/linked "Additional Information for Health Care Providers" for information on clinical presentation, testing, immune globulin and communicability.

Southwestern Public Health will vaccinate eligible persons who live in the Oxford County, St. Thomas and Elgin County areas during regular business hours by appointment. Eligible persons can also receive this vaccine at your office. Please contact the health unit to order vaccine. Please refer those who require immune globulin to local emergency departments.

Hepatitis A specific drop-in clinics will be held at Southwestern Public Health, 410 Buller Street, Woodstock on:

- Wednesday, August 28 from 1 pm to 7 pm
- Thursday, August 29 from 1 pm to 7 pm
- Friday August 30 from 9 am to noon

Please report all suspected or confirmed hepatitis A cases as soon as possible. Patients can contact Southwestern Public Health at **1-800-922-0096** x5 for more information.

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