

**HEPATITIS A**Department of Health and Human Services  & ATSDR**HEPATITIS A**

Hepatitis A is caused by a virus that causes a disease of the liver. Signs of hepatitis include fever, lost of appetite, tiredness, stomach pain, vomiting, dark urine, and yellow skin or eyes (jaundice). The virus is found mainly in bowel movements, and is spread through personal contact or by eating contaminated food or drinking contaminated water. About 3 cases out of 10 occur in children under 15 years old. There is a shot to prevent hepatitis A. It can be given to children 2 years old or older. Two doses are needed. A hepatitis A shot is recommended for children living in certain states, and for people traveling to countries where the disease is common.

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