

## Updated Recommendations Regarding Hepatitis A Post-Exposure Management Related to Costco Food Product Recall

**Attention:** Physicians, Emergency Departments, Nurse Practitioners, Infection Control Practitioners, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Midwives, Family Health Teams, RICN, Pharmacies, NSMLHIN, Central LHIN

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Please be advised that there have been revisions to the provincial recommendations regarding hepatitis A post-exposure management in response to Nature's Touch Organic Berry Cherry Blend products.

**Of note, a change has been made to recommendations for individuals 12 months of age and under who have been exposed to the recalled product within the last 2 weeks:**

([http://m.costco.ca/wcsstore/CostcoCABCCatalogAssetStore/Attachment/recalls/2016.04.15\\_HC\\_NaturesTouch\\_EN.pdf](http://m.costco.ca/wcsstore/CostcoCABCCatalogAssetStore/Attachment/recalls/2016.04.15_HC_NaturesTouch_EN.pdf))

- Everyone 6 months of age and over should be offered hepatitis A vaccine as soon as possible (unless contraindicated, fully immunized in the past or already immune).
  - Hepatitis A vaccine is not authorized for children less than 1 year of age, however, NACI has recently recommended its off-label use for children 6 months to 1 year of age.
- Infants < 6 months of age require no intervention except for careful attention to hygiene when diapering etc. to prevent fecal oral spread. Considerations should be given to offering hepatitis A vaccine to their family members.
  - Immune globulin, which was previously recommended for infants, is generally not recommended, although could be considered on a case by case basis in infants less than six months of age who are at very high risk for liver complication (e.g. severe liver disease).

For more information see the complete [revised recommendations regarding hepatitis A post-exposure management in response to Nature's Touch Organic Berry Cherry Blend products](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/JFY/PCPortal.aspx) (<http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/JFY/PCPortal.aspx>)

If you have any questions regarding hepatitis A vaccine please contact the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 705-721-7520 or toll free at 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8808. For further information regarding hepatitis A please contact the Communicable Diseases team at (705) 721-7520 ext. 8809.