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## Interim Hepatitis A Vaccine Eligibility Expansion Related to Manitoba Outbreak

**Attention:** Physicians, Walk-In Clinics/Urgent Care Clinics, Community Health Centres, Nurse and Nurse Practitioners, Family Health Teams, Ontario Health, Ontario Health Teams, Indigenous Healthcare & Community

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Manitoba continues to experience a significant Hepatitis A outbreak that began in April 2025. Initially, the outbreak primarily affected the Island Lake area in Northern Manitoba, including several First Nations communities, located near the Ontario border. Since then, the outbreak has expanded to other areas of Manitoba, most notably in Winnipeg among homeless and underhoused populations. As of July 16, 2026, there have been 898 cases reported to date, including seven deaths.

To date, Ontario has identified four cases that have been genetically linked to Manitoba's outbreak strain. Given the continued outbreak activity in Manitoba and the recent expansion to Manitoba's vaccine eligibility, Ontario is expanding Hepatitis A vaccine eligibility at this time as follows:

Individuals six months and older in the following groups should receive **one dose** of publicly funded hepatitis A vaccine:

- Individuals who live, work, travel to, or receive visitors from ANY Indigenous community in Manitoba.
- Individuals in Northern Ontario communities that are on or in close proximity to the border with Manitoba
- Individuals who are **homeless or underhoused** AND are going to or spending time anywhere in Manitoba
- Individuals who **work or volunteer or provide services** in shelters, encampments, or similar settings in Winnipeg.

Health care providers can order Hepatitis A vaccine for this eligibility by calling our Vaccine Order Line at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8808.

If you have any questions, please contact our Immunization Health Care Provider phone line at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8806.

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