

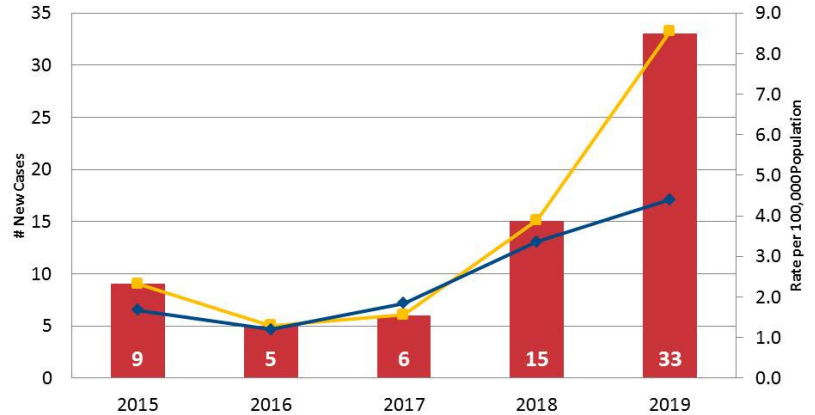
2018-2019 OUTBREAK UPDATE

July 31, 2019

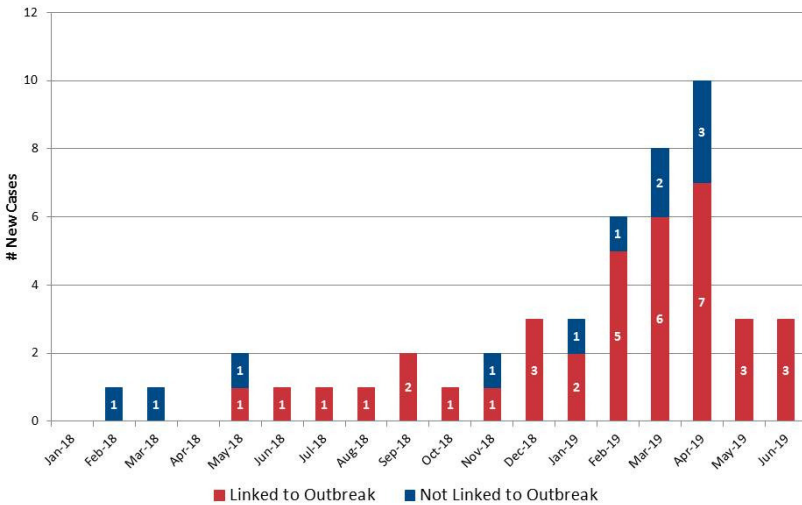
In Cleveland,



cases in 2018 and 2019 are currently linked to the statewide outbreak



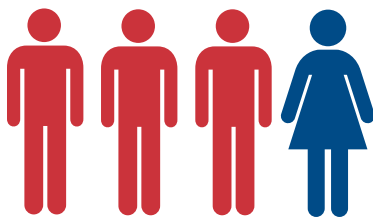
Statewide outbreak declared in Ohio on January 5, 2018



In just six months of 2019, the number of Hepatitis A cases is more than

2x

greater than the number of cases observed in all of 2018



3 out of 4

outbreak-linked cases are in men



1 in 3

outbreak-linked cases reported using street drugs



outbreak-linked cases reported using intravenous drugs

HEPATITIS A DISEASE FACT SHEET

Hepatitis A is a serious liver condition caused by a virus that is found in feces (poop) of infected people. This disease can easily spread from person-to-person and can last a few weeks to many months.

How is it spread?



Not washing hands



Sex with infected partners



Eating/drinking contaminated foods



Nausea or stomach pain

What are the symptoms?



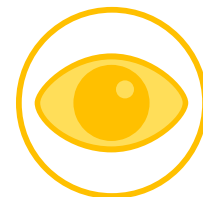
Fatigue



Use of street or intravenous drugs



Fever



Yellowing of the eyes and skin (jaundice)

Who is most at risk in the Ohio outbreak?



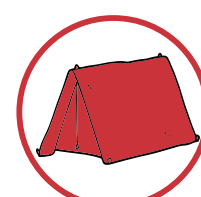
Men who have sex with men



Users of street or intravenous drugs



People who are incarcerated



People who are homeless

How do I prevent it?



Wash your hands with soap and warm water before preparing or eating food and after using the bathroom or changing a diaper



Get vaccinated especially if you think you are at risk. If you think you may have been exposed to someone with Hepatitis A, contact your doctor or the Cleveland Department of Public Health to discuss your options