



## News From Cabell-Huntington Health Department (06-08-2018)

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### **CABELL COUNTY HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK UPDATE**

HUNTINGTON, WV - Recent results of viral sequencing now confirm Cabell County cases to be linked to the strain of virus found in the ongoing multistate hepatitis A outbreak.

“We have felt all along that this was part of the bigger outbreak, but now genotyping has confirmed our suspicion,” said Dr. Michael Kilkenny, Physician Director of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department. The Cabell-Huntington Health Department is working closely with the WV Bureau for Public Health to characterize and control the outbreak. Health care facilities will receive guidance regarding the processing of further clinical specimens, but for the public, no changes in current outbreak control interventions have been recommended.

For the week of June 1 to June 8, 2018, four new cases were confirmed, including one new case among food service workers, bringing that number to three for the outbreak in the county. There have been no restaurant related cases of hepatitis A.

The first Cabell County confirmed case in this outbreak was reported April 9, 2018

On June 1, 2018, the number of confirmed cases in the county was 31.

As of June 8, 2018, the number of confirmed cases in the county is 36.

The WV Bureau for Public Health’s Hepatitis A outbreak report, found at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/Pages/default.aspx>, is updated weekly on Friday, using information provided by the Cabell-Huntington Health Department as well as other local health departments, and can be used to follow the Cabell County situation in comparison with other counties.

The Cabell-Huntington Health Department will notify the public immediately if risks or prevention recommendations change and will continue to work diligently to control the spread of this disease.

For more information and a list of Hepatitis A vaccine providers cooperating with the health department to assure adequate vaccination availability, visit [cabellhealth.org](http://cabellhealth.org).

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