

Third Hepatitis A Clinic - Friday, Nov. 8

Thursday Clinic Has Closed

SOMERVILLE – Today's (**Nov. 7**) hepatitis A vaccination clinic has closed early, due to an overwhelming public response. To address the ongoing need, the Somerset County Department of Health will open a third hepatitis A vaccination clinic on **Friday, Nov. 8**, from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** at **27 Warren St., Somerville, NJ 08876**. No appointment is necessary. **Vaccinations for adults age 19 and older will be given on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last. Pediatric vaccines (for children 18 and under) will not be available at this clinic.** Free parking is available in the parking deck next to the human services building. For directions, visit <https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/about/county-complex-directions/human-services>.

"We understand residents are concerned," said Freeholder Director Brian D. Levine. "The county health department has been working diligently to ensure that vaccinations are available. A third clinic will be open on Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at our human services building in Somerville."

This clinic is for individuals who may have eaten items purchased at the in-store deli/appy department or used the restrooms at the ShopRite of Somerville from **Oct. 13 to 30, 2019**. To be effective, the hepatitis A vaccine should be received as soon as possible, but no later than two weeks after eating food from this deli. For most people, this date would be **Nov. 13, 2019**. Immunocompromised persons – those with weakened immune systems – should talk with their health care provider about getting immunoglobulin or Ig instead of the vaccine.

If you believe you were exposed you should:

- Monitor your health for symptoms of the hepatitis A infection, which include fatigue, low appetite, stomach pain, nausea and jaundice for up to 50 days after exposure.
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water frequently and thoroughly, especially after using the bathroom and before preparing food.
- Stay at home and contact your health care provider immediately if symptoms of hepatitis A infection develop.

If you have additional concerns about your health, contact your health care provider for recommendations.

Answers to frequently asked questions about hepatitis A are available at https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/faq/hepatitis_a_faq.pdf.

For more information about hepatitis A, visit the Somerset County Department of Health website at www.co.somerset.nj.us/health.

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