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# New York State Viral Hepatitis Strategic Plan 2010-2015

## Framework for Hepatitis A



## PREVENTION

**Goal:** Prevent the acquisition and transmission of the hepatitis A virus.

### Strategies

- 1.1 Promote the use of effective risk reduction interventions and strategies.
- 1.2 Ensure access to hepatitis A vaccination for persons and communities at-risk.
- 1.3 Improve vaccination rates among children.
- 1.4 Increase the provision of timely referrals for comprehensive sexual health-related services.
- 1.5 Integrate hepatitis A counseling, screening, vaccination and referral services into existing service delivery systems.
- 1.6 Emphasize the importance of sanitary conditions and personal hygiene among persons at greater risk.

## EDUCATION

**Goal:** Build knowledge and awareness of hepatitis A disease, prevention, risk, treatment and medical management.

### Strategies

- 2.1 Increase the knowledge of hepatitis A among the general public.
- 2.2 Improve and expand the knowledge of hepatitis A among health and human service providers.
- 2.3 Ensure access to culturally-sensitive and linguistically appropriate educational messages for persons, populations and communities at-risk.
- 2.4 Foster appropriate screening practices for hepatitis A.

## SURVEILLANCE AND RESEARCH

**Goal:** Determine accurate incidence rates for use in conjunction with available research findings to guide decision making.

### Strategies

- 3.1 Secure adequate resources for state and local surveillance activities.
- 3.2 Improve capacity for complete and accurate disease reporting among laboratories and providers.
- 3.3 Use surveillance data to better inform recommendations for hepatitis A.
- 3.4 Improve the epidemiologic investigation and response capacity to community outbreaks.
- 3.5 Develop and evaluate evidence-based interventions for hepatitis A prevention.
- 3.6 Conduct hepatitis A-related research to advance prevention.

## MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT

**Goal:** Develop and maintain an infrastructure to provide the highest quality of hepatitis A care.

### Strategies

- 4.1 Ensure provider access to current guidelines, regulations and recommendations for hepatitis A diagnosis and prevention.
- 4.2 Assure timely access to hepatitis A diagnosis, care and post-exposure prophylaxis.
- 4.3 Ensure timely access to sexual health-related services.

## POLICY AND PLANNING

**Goal:** Foster an effective policy and planning environment at the local, state and national levels.

### Strategies

- 5.1 Maintain an adequate statutory and regulatory environment for hepatitis A prevention.
- 5.2 Base policy development and decisions on credible information.
- 5.3 Ensure an inclusive approach to policy development and program planning.
- 5.4 Provide policy makers with information on the impact of challenges and unmet needs related to hepatitis A.
- 5.5 Assure the capacity of statewide systems to support hepatitis A-related goals.
- 5.6 Reduce hepatitis A-related health disparities and cultural barriers.