

**TO:** Vermont Pharmacies

**FROM:** Mark Levine, MD, Commissioner of Health

### **Info Service Message**

### **Hepatitis A Vaccine**

Hepatitis A outbreaks are spreading across the United States through person-to-person contact. While hepatitis A can affect anyone, people experiencing homelessness or people who use drugs (injection and non-injection) are at higher risk of getting infected in these outbreaks. We are taking action now to protect people with the safe and effective hepatitis A vaccine, and we need your help.

Knowing about the increased risk of hepatitis A associated with drug use, clients visiting your pharmacy to pick up naloxone for themselves or a loved one may be interested in learning more about the hepatitis A vaccine. Here are some things you may want to mention to clients:

- Hepatitis A is going around, and people who use drugs are at a higher risk.
- There is a vaccine that is safe and very effective.
- Anyone who is interested in the vaccine should talk with their doctor or call their Local Health Office to find out how to get vaccinated for free.

You may want to write down the phone number for the Local Health Office that serves your community and hand it to the client. Local Health Office phone numbers and towns served are listed in the table below (and at [www.healthvermont.gov/local](http://www.healthvermont.gov/local)). With your support, we can make it as easy as possible for any Vermonter to be protected with the hepatitis A vaccine.

For more information, please find the “Hepatitis A Prevention in Vermont” sheet attached to this email and visit [www.healthvermont.gov/hepatitisA](http://www.healthvermont.gov/hepatitisA). Thank you for your partnership and for all you do to help Vermonters stay healthy.

Office	Phone	Communities Served
Barre	802-479-4200	Barre City, Barre Town (Websterville, Graniteville), Berlin, Braintree, Brookfield, Cabot, Calais, Duxbury, Fayston, Marshfield, Middlesex, Montpelier, East Montpelier, Moretown, Northfield, Orange, Plainfield, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren, Washington, Waterbury, Williamstown, Worcester
Bennington	802-447-3531	Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Landgrove, Manchester, Peru, Pownal, Readsboro, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, Winhall, Woodford
Brattleboro	802-257-2880	Athens, Brattleboro, Brookline, Dover, Dummerston, Guilford, Halifax, Jamaica, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Somerset, Stratton, Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro, Westminster, Whitingham, Wilmington
Burlington	802-863-7323	Bolton, Burlington, Charlotte, Colchester, Essex, Hinesburg, Huntington, Jericho, Milton, Richmond, St. George, Shelburne, South Burlington, Underhill, Westford, Williston, Winooski
Middlebury	802-388-4644	Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Buel's Gore, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Granville, Hancock, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge, Whiting
Morrisville	802-888-7447	Belvidere, Cambridge, Craftsbury, Eden, Elmore, Greensboro, Hardwick, Hyde Park, Johnson, Jeffersonville, Morristown, Stowe, Waterville, Wolcott, Woodbury, Stannard
Newport	802-334-6707	Albany, Averill, Avery's Gore, Barton (including Orleans), Bloomfield, Brighton (including Island Pond), Brownington, Brunswick, Canaan, Charleston, Coventry, Derby, Ferdinand, Glover, Holland, Irasburg, Jay, Lemington, Lewis, Lowell, Morgan, Newport City, Newport Town, Norton, Troy, Warner's Grant, Warren's Gore, Westfield, Westmore
Rutland	802-786-5811	Benson, Brandon, Castleton, Chittenden, Clarendon, Danby, Fair Haven, Goshen, Hubbardton, Ira, Killington (Sherburne), Mendon, Middletown Springs, Mt. Holly, Mount Tabor, Pawlet, Pittsfield, Pittsford, Poultney, Proctor, Rutland City, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, Wallingford, Wells, West Haven, West Rutland
St. Albans	802-524-7970	Alburg, Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg, Fairfax, Fairfield, Fletcher, Franklin, Georgia, Grand Isle, Highgate, Isle La Motte, Montgomery, North Hero, Richford, St. Albans City, St. Albans Town, Sheldon, South Hero, Swanton
St. Johnsbury	802-748-5151	Barnet, Burke, Concord, Danville, East Haven, Granby, Groton, Guildhall, Kirby, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Maidstone, Newbury (including Wells River),

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		Newark, Peacham, Ryegate, St. Johnsbury, Sheffield, Sutton, Topsham, Victory, Walden, Waterford, Wheelock
Springfield	802-289-0600	Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Londonderry, Ludlow, Plymouth, Reading, Rockingham (including Bellows Falls), Springfield, Weathersfield, West Windsor, Weston, Windham, Windsor
White River Junction	802-295-8820	Barnard, Bethel, Bradford, Bridgewater, Chelsea, Corinth, Fairlee, Hartford (including Quechee, White River Junction, Wilder), Hartland, Norwich, Pomfret, Randolph, Rochester, Royalton, Sharon, Stockbridge, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Vershire, West Fairlee, Woodstock

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