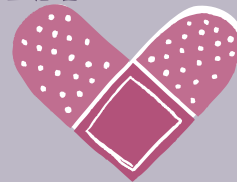


Hepatitis A Vaccine



Who should get vaccinated?



Early Adolescents, Adolescents, and Adults

Anyone who didn't get the hepatitis A vaccine when they were younger can get 2 doses. If someone did not get the hepatitis A vaccine and comes in direct contact with a person who has hepatitis A, they should receive the vaccine as soon as possible, ideally within 2 weeks of being exposed.



Children

Children need 2 doses of hepatitis A vaccine, usually at:

- 12 - 23 months
- At least 6 months after the first dose

Why get vaccinated?

This vaccine can prevent hepatitis A, a serious liver disease.

Some adults with hepatitis A feel tired, lose their appetite, have stomach pain, feel nauseous, and get jaundice (yellow skin or eyes, dark urine, light-colored stool), but not everyone will develop symptoms. Hepatitis A can cause serious complications, including severe liver damage.

You can get infected by eating, drinking, or touching things like doorknobs or diapers that have been contaminated by the stool of an infected person.

Fast facts about the Hepatitis A vaccine

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The vaccine is given in 2 doses, at least 6 months apart.

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The vaccine protects you against liver disease.

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When both doses are received, the vaccine is 90% effective against hepatitis A infection.

To learn more about this vaccine and possible side effects, see the CDC Vaccine Information Statements:



Health is a community effort — tell your friends, family, and coworkers. Learn more about the benefits of vaccines and which ones you might need at [JuntosEnSalud.org](https://www.juntosensalud.org).

