



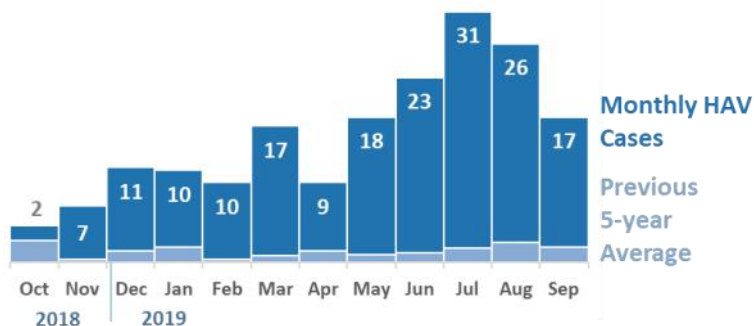
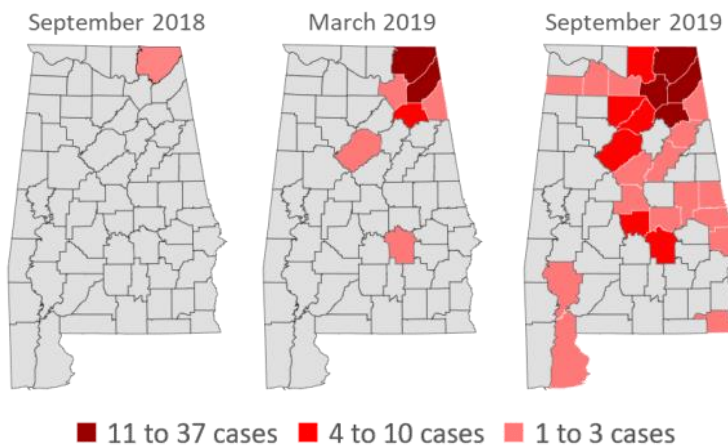
# Alabama Hepatitis A Virus Outbreak



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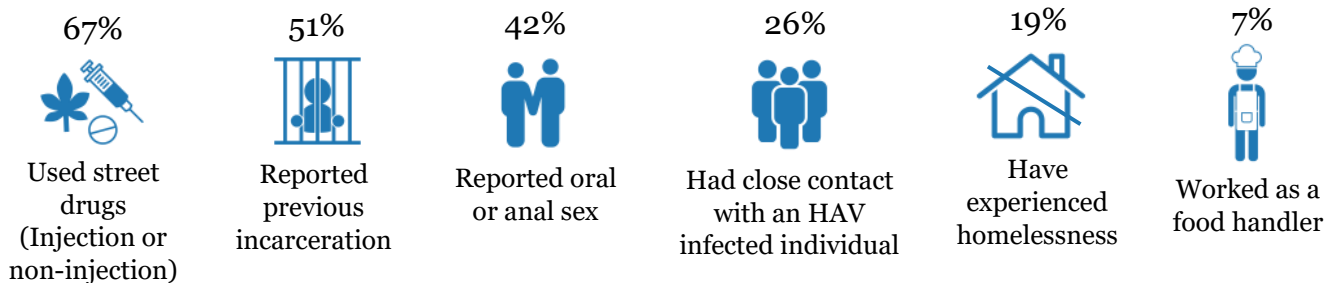
**Key Points:** 163 outbreak cases 38 years average age 62% male 55% hospitalized 12,525 vaccines administered

**The number of Hepatitis A virus (HAV) outbreak cases continues to increase in Alabama.** Alabama is part of a national outbreak of HAV. The outbreak started in northeast Alabama in September 2018 and has spread throughout the state by July 2019. HAV is spread person-to-person through poop to mouth contact among unvaccinated persons.



**Thirty-one cases of HAV were reported in July 2019, the highest number of monthly cases since the outbreak began in September, 2018.** To prevent the spread of HAV, individuals with risk factors should receive the HAV vaccine.

**Those at highest risk for HAV infection** include people who use street drugs (injection or non-injection), who are currently or previously incarcerated, who are experiencing unstable housing or homelessness, or who engage in oral or anal sex. The following describes outbreak associated HAV cases in Alabama.



**Protect yourself against HAV, get vaccinated today.** One dose of HAV vaccine provides long-lasting protection in up to 95% of those who receive it. To find a provider, pharmacy or health department with the vaccine near you, check out the following website <https://tinyurl.com/yveh4cav>.