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## News Release

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## Hepatitis A Confirmed in Employee at Rome Eatery

The Oneida County Health Department has learned that an employee of LaRoma's Pizzeria on 600 Floyd Avenue in Rome, has tested positive for Hepatitis A. This employee worked while infectious and may have exposed people who were patrons of the shop. The Health Department is alerting those who had take-out of the potential exposure.

The Hepatitis A vaccine is effective if given within two weeks of exposure. Those who consumed food prepared by the restaurant between April 27, 2020 and May 4, 2020 must receive preventive treatment within 14 days of exposure. To get a Hepatitis A vaccination, please contact your health care provider or contact the Health Department at 315-798-5747 and press 1 to make an appointment.

If you consumed food from the restaurant between April 20, 2020 and April 26, 2020, please monitor yourself for symptoms. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, symptoms of Hepatitis A include:

- Yellow skin or eyes
- Not wanting to eat
- Upset stomach
- Stomach pain
- Throwing up
- Fever
- Dark urine or light-colored stools
- Joint pain
- Diarrhea
- Feeling tired

Symptoms commonly appear within 28 days of exposure, with a range of 15 to 50 days. The post exposure vaccine would not be effective for patrons who were exposed prior to April 27, 2020. If you have any of these symptoms, please contact the Health Department or your health care provider. Hepatitis A is transmitted by consuming food or drinks or by using utensils that have been handled by an infected person. It may also be spread from person to person by ingesting something that has been contaminated by the infected person. Casual contact, such as sitting together, does not spread the virus.

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LaRoma's Pizzeria has been notified of potential Hepatitis A exposure, and is cooperating with the Health Department. Health Department staff are inspecting the restaurant and will conduct additional inspections over the coming weeks.

"All those who are eligible should get vaccinated for Hepatitis A," said Phyllis D. Ellis, BSN, MS, FACHE, Director of Health.

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