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Hepatitis A Confirmed in Employee at Rome Eatery

The Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) has learned that an employee of Cianfrocco's Subs & Wings on E. Dominick Street 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 OCHD is alerting those who either dined-in or 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 February 12, 2020 and February 22, 2020 must receive preventive treatment within 14 days of exposure. Please contact the OCHD at 315-798-5747 or your health care provider to be given the Hepatitis A vaccination.

If you dined at the restaurant between February 3, 2020 and February 11, 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 February 12, 2020. If you have any of these symptoms, please contact the OCHD 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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Cianfrocco's Sub & Wings has been notified of potential Hepatitis A exposure, and is cooperating with the OCHD. OCHD 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.