

## BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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November 19, 2021

## Dear Highland Community,

It has come to our attention and has been addressed throughout several news agencies that a Starbucks employee from the Blackwood/Clementon Road location tested positive for Hepatitis A. Due to Highland High School's close proximity to this location, we are taking an extra precaution to inform our Highland community. The Department of Health recommends any member of the public that utilized this location on November 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and/or 13 to consider the following:

- The county is hosting a Hep A vaccine clinic today 11/19 from 3-7 pm, and tomorrow 11/20 from 9-11:30 am at the Office of Sustainability (next to the Health Dept.) at 508 Lakeland Rd Blackwood 08012. **ONLY FOR individuals 19 of age or older. Individuals 18 years of age or younger should contact their primary care physician.**
- There are no appointments, it is first come first serve
- Hep A vaccine can also be administered by their PCP or local pharmacy (CVS, Walgreens)
- Most students should have received the Hep A vaccine as part of their childhood immunizations, it is recommended to ask their PCP if they have record of vaccination.
- It is not harmful to receive extra doses or repeat the series, so if there is any doubt in their immunization status, they should receive PEP
- The vaccine is a 2-dose series, with the second shot given 6 months later
- Immune globulin treatment is an injection of human blood plasma containing antibodies and is recommended to those 40 and older, usually in addition to the vaccine, they should consult their PCP

## County news release on exposure

https://www.camdencounty.com/starbucks-employee-tests-positive-for-hepatitis-a-in-gloucester-township/NJDOH Hep A FAQ

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/faq/hepatitis\_a\_faq.pdf

CDC Hep A fact sheet flyer

https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/pdfs/HepAGeneralFactSheet.pdf

Hep A vaccine fact sheet

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/hepatitisa/vis\_hep\_a.pdf

Immune globulin info sheet

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/hepatitisa/ig factsheet.pd



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We are urging all parents and caregivers to check in with their students to determine if they may be impacted by this exposure and to take the necessary precautions if they have. Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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