GP surgery name

Street name

Town

Postcode

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Dear doctor/practice nurse

Re: Immunisation for hepatitis A contacts

The xxxxxxxx team has been notified that the above patient has been diagnosed with acute hepatitis A with symptom onset <enter date>. We have identified <enter number> contact(s) of this case who are registered at your practice and require hepatitis A immunisation.

The vaccine should be administered without delay as it is known to be effective at reducing the risk of secondary infection when given within 14 days of symptom onset in the case. Hepatitis A vaccine given more than 14 days post exposure is still beneficial in households with more than one contact to help in the prevention of tertiary cases. Completion of the hepatitis A schedule to provide longer term protection of at least 25 years requires a second dose after 6 to 12 months.

Please refer to the [Green Book, chapter 17](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hepatitis-a-the-green-book-chapter-17) for further information.

If any of the contacts are aged 60 years and over, have chronic liver disease, confirmed hepatitis B or C infection or are immunosuppressed, please contact us urgently on the number above for further advice regarding additional prophylaxis with human normal immunoglobulin (HNIG).

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the xxxxxxxx team on xxxxxxxx should you require any further information.

**Contacts of acute hepatitis A case registered with your practice requiring vaccine**

| **Name** | **Date of birth** | **Address** | **Type of contact (for example, household, sexual and so on)** |
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Yours sincerely,

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