

April 10, 2018



Local health officials have notified school administration a child who attends Poplar Bluff Junior High has been diagnosed with Hepatitis A. The student is receiving medical treatment from a health care provider.

The R-1 Nursing Department has no reason to suspect that anyone else has been compromised by the virus, which was contracted outside of the education environment. The risk of student to student transmission is LOW!

All common spaces of the school facility have been disinfected by custodial staff as a preventative measure. Hepatitis A is a viral infection of the liver that is spread by eating or drinking contaminated food or water, or by touching contaminated surfaces or objects.

Butler County Health Department will be offering vaccination clinics to students, people who use drugs, and close personal contacts to people who use drugs through Friday, April 13. Hours of operation run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and will be extended to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, and Thursday, April 12. The most common form of hepatitis in the United States is Hepatitis A and is vaccine-preventable.

Butler County is currently experiencing a Hepatitis A Outbreak, in light of this issue, we are asking that you review your child's immunization record to see if he or she can receive their Hepatitis A vaccine today! Walk-ins are welcomed. For additional information, please contact us!