



**April 13, 2018**

**Butler County's reported Hepatitis A (HAV) cases totals 71 as of Friday, April 13, 2018; 66.2% of cases have self-identified as people who use drugs, while 18.3% of cases identified as close personal contacts to people who use drugs. The average hospitalization rate equals 61%, with an average hospital stay of 3.5 days. Age ranges between 13 and 67. Precautions should be taken by everyone in the county. Preventative measures include washing your hands before eating or after using the restroom, not eating or drinking after someone experiencing symptoms, and/or receiving HAV vaccine. Criteria for the HAV vaccine includes any adult or youth who are close personal contacts to Hepatitis A cases, and/or people who use drugs and their close personal contacts. Also, any child ages 1-19 years old.**