As of Friday, May 4, 2018, there are 100 confirmed Hepatitis A (HAV) cases in Southeast Missouri. Butler County’s Hepatitis A Outbreak accounts for 79 of the 100 cases; of the 79 cases, 64.5% self-identified as people who use drugs, while 19% identified as close personal contacts of people who use drugs. The age range of cases reported is 13-68.

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.