



An Employee of Cracker Barrel in Summit Township Found to Have Hepatitis A

Description

An individual employed in the food-service sector of a prominent Summit Township dine-in establishment has been medically confirmed to be inflicted with hepatitis A, an infectious pathology of the liver that is highly transmittable via ingestion of contaminated edibles.

The person in question serves in the esteemed American chain restaurant, Cracker Barrel, situated at 7810 Interstate Drive. This individual's employment cessation took place on the bygone Wednesday, and consequentially officials from Erie County Department of Health have initiated an appeal to patrons who had partaken in the restaurant's culinary offerings from the range of January 30 to Wednesday to remain vigilant for the manifestation of any pathological symptoms.

"The symptoms to be keenly observed include a sense of nausea, episodes of vomiting, and frequent diarrhoea," elucidated Colleen Wallace, R.N., the supervising nurse responsible for communicable diseases under the county Health Department. "If these symptoms persist for an extended duration, it is recommended to facilitate contact with a medical professional."

Additional Information: Erie County exhibits resilient rates of childhood immunization despite a pronounced decline on a nationwide scale

What is the prevalence of Hepatitis A in Erie?

The health functionaries of the county postulate that this incident marks the inaugural case of a food service provider suffering from Hepatitis A in over a decade, albeit an average registration of one Hepatitis A case per annum in the county has been noted.

Privacy laws withhold the publication of the patient's medical condition.

Erie County's Health Department conducted a partial health evaluation of Cracker Barrel on Thursday evening, as per the account of Breanna Adams, the department's overseer of environmental health services. The restaurant's operations persist, and plethora of precautions have been imposed to forestall the advent of subsequent cases.

"Any employees within the infectious cycle or who have been diagnosed positive would be accordingly prohibited from performing duties within the restaurant's premises," Adams affirmed. "The restaurant has shown admirable compliance with their corporate guidelines as well as the dictates of the (Pennsylvania) Food Code."

What should be the course of action for recent patrons?

It is vehemently advised for customers who recently dined at Cracker Barrel, or availed takeout provisions, from the duration of February 10-21 to facilitate the administration of a Hepatitis A vaccine at the earliest



opportunity, as per Erin Mrenak, the director of the county Health Department.

Although the regional supply of Hepatitis A vaccines is restricted, the department is tenaciously pursuing avenues to acquire supplementary doses. Mrenak asserts, "It is noteworthy that Hepatitis A exhibits a lower propensity for transmission through food as compared to direct human contact. It necessitates an approximate incubation period of two weeks for initial symptoms to surface. Upon the detection of any symptoms, immediate medical attention is advised."

A majority of individuals afflicted with Hepatitis A return to full recovery without requiring treatment, yet in rare instances, the illness could advance unto liver failure and consequent mortality, most particularly among the older population and people stricken with chronic ailments of the liver.

To discuss further, please correspond with David Bruce via dbruce@timesnews.com. You can also follow David on [@ETNBruce](https://twitter.com/ETNBruce).

Vocabulary List:

1. **Hepatitis** // (noun): An infectious pathology of the liver.
2. **Transmittable** // (adjective): Capable of being transmitted.
3. **Contaminated** // (adjective): Made impure by contact or mixture.
4. **Vigilant** // (adjective): Watchful and alert.
5. **Manifestation** // (noun): The action or fact of showing an abstract idea.
6. **Immunization** // (noun): The action of making a person immune to infection.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which disease is characterized by inflammation of the liver?

- Option: Cholera
- Option: Hepatitis
- Option: Influenza
- Option: Malaria

2. What is the process of making a person immune or resistant to an infectious disease?

- Option: Exposure
- Option: Immunization
- Option: Contagion
- Option: Confirmation



-
3. Which term is used to describe something that is polluted or made impure?
- Option: Resilience
 - Option: Exposed
 - Option: Contaminated
 - Option: Notoriety
4. What word means watchful attentive or on the lookout for danger?
- Option: Vigilant
 - Option: Incident
 - Option: Proliferating
 - Option: Surplus
5. Which term refers to an indication or a sign of a condition or disease?
- Option: Fatalities
 - Option: Adipose
 - Option: Manifestation
 - Option: Hybridization
6. What is the condition of being subjected to contact with a disease-causing agent?
- Option: Tactic
 - Option: Confirmation
 - Option: Exposure
 - Option: Emanating
7. Which term refers to the state of being famous or well-known for something negative?
- Option: Demographic
 - Option: Notoriety
 - Option: Contagion
 - Option: Uncomplicated
8. Which disease is an infectious and often fatal bacterial disease of the small intestine?
- Option: Herculean
 - Option: Cholera
 - Option: Emanating
 - Option: Vigilance
9. What term refers to deaths resulting from a specific event or condition?
- Option: Tactic
 - Option: Fatalities
 - Option: Incident
 - Option: Surplus



10. Which term means an excess of something usually more than what is needed?

- Option: Resilience
- Option: Surplus
- Option: Proliferating
- Option: Contaminated

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Hepatitis is a _____ disease that can be spread through infected bodily fluids.

12. The process of combining different varieties or species to create new traits is known as _____.

13. The health department reported an _____ of food poisoning related to a particular restaurant.

14. Common symptoms of the flu may _____ as fever cough and body aches.

15. Maintaining _____ against the spread of infectious diseases is crucial for public health.

16. With global travel diseases are capable of quickly _____ across continents.

17. Studying the _____ data helps health officials identify at-risk populations.

18. The earthquake resulted in numerous _____ due to collapsed buildings.

19. Excess calories are stored as _____ tissue in the body.

20. Vaccines work by stimulating the body's _____ response to a particular pathogen.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The spread of the virus among the population was a major concern for public health officials.

22. The ability of a community to bounce back from a disaster demonstrates its strength and capacity for recovery.



23. The organization implemented a new marketing to increase customer engagement.
24. The skilled pilot executed a perfect to avoid a mid-air collision.
25. The laboratory results provided of the presence of the virus in the patient.
26. Individuals who were in direct contact with the infected person were considered to the disease.
27. A foul odor was from the contaminated water source.
28. The gathering of people at the event formed a large in the town square.
29. The criminal gained for their elaborate heists and daring escapes.
30. Crossbreeding two different plant species can lead to genetic variations through .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Hepatitis 2. Immunization 3. Contaminated 4. Vigilant 5. Manifestation 6. Exposure 7. Notoriety 8. Cholera 9. Fatalities 10. Surplus

Gap-Fill: 11. transmittable 12. hybridization 13. incident 14. manifest 15. vigilance 16. proliferating 17. demographic 18. fatalities 19. adipose 20. immunological

Matching sentence: 1. contagion 2. resilience 3. tactic 4. manoeuvre 5. confirmation 6. exposed 7. emanating 8. congregation 9. notoriety 10. hybridization

CATEGORY

1. Health - LEVEL6

Date Created

2024/02/24

Author

aimeeyoung99