



# Health Officials Recommend Erie Cracker Barrel Patrons to Monitor Themselves for Hepatitis A signs

## Description

The esteemed media outlets of [WJET/WFXP](#) have recently reported on a decidedly unsettling incident: the confirmation of a Hepatitis A case within the jurisdiction of Erie County. The locality's Department of Health has swiftly assured that, should there be individuals who are alarmed by the possibility of exposure, there exist suitable resources and measures available to address the situation.

Following this development, Cracker Barrel, the establishment implicated in the health scare, has promulgated a statement emphasizing their assertive response to this situation. They have enlisted the support from entities at both the corporate level and the Department of Health. The joint effort aims to guarantee an environment that radiates security and well-being for all.

The individual diagnosed with Hepatitis A, it transpires, held an employment position at Cracker Barrel, specifically at 7810 Interstate Drive. As Breanna Adams, the Director of Environmental Health Services for the Erie County Department of Health, elucidates, "Given the excessive contagion of Hepatitis A via food products and other goods, it is imperative, and indeed, protocol, to reveal this information to patrons who may have consumed meals on-site or received their orders through takeaway or delivery services from the affected location."

Hepatitis A, a perilously communicable liver ailment, manifests in an array of symptoms, including lethargy, diminished appetite, and nausea among other less noticeable signs. Bearing this in mind, health professionals assigned to this case urge the public to maintain vigilance for these manifestations as symptoms can emerge anywhere from two to seven weeks post exposure.

Erin Mrenak, the Erie County Department of Health's Director emphasizes, "Any individuals who have frequented the restaurant between January 30 and February 21, 2024, inclusive of those availing delivery or takeout services, ought to be observant for any manifestation of Hepatitis A symptoms. Furthermore, those dining in or availing takeout from the 10th through 21st of February 2024 should make haste in acquiring their vaccinations following potential exposure."

Cracker Barrel Media Relations have released a statement to reassure the public and its staff members that the incident is anomalistic, entirely confined to their location in Erie, Pennsylvania. Furthermore, they conscientiously attest their commitment to customer safety, expressing unequivocally that no other stores have been adversely affected.



The statement derived from Cracker Barrel Media Relations reads as follows:

*"In light of the isolated circumstance in which an employee at our Erie store has been diagnosed with Hepatitis A, we have taken immediate, proactive steps. Our course of action includes temporarily terminating our operations this evening for an intensive cleaning and sanitizing procedure. Following completion, our doors will reopen at 7 a.m. tomorrow. Concurrently, we are liaising closely with the Erie County Health Department and scheduling vaccinations for our employees."*

The statement further emphasizes, *"We want to lay to rest any concern or speculation, assuring our esteemed customers and valued staff that our location in Erie has undergone rigorous safety and health measures, akin to all our stores in Pennsylvania, which have fortunately remained untouched by this incident. We anticipate welcoming back our patrons to our Erie location tomorrow morning."*

Breanna Adams further announced, "In the case of individuals who have dined at the location and harbor queries or concerns, we have allocated resources to a call center that will operate over the course of the weekend, with limited hours extending from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday."

Adams reassured that the Erie County Department of Health is synergizing with the State Department of Health to procure additional vaccines and organize vaccination events in the upcoming week.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Incident** // (noun): An event or occurrence that is noteworthy or unusual.
2. **Confirmation** // (noun): The action of establishing the truth or validity of something.
3. **Exposure** // (noun): Contact with something that may have a harmful effect.
4. **Contagion** // (noun): The spreading or transmission of disease.
5. **Manifest** // (verb): To become apparent or evident.
6. **Vigilance** // (noun): The action or state of keeping careful watch for possible dangers or difficulties.

## 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



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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

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