

What do 143,000 Washingtonians
have in common?

VIRAL HEPATITIS...
and most people don't know if they are infected.

*May is
Hepatitis
Awareness
Month.*

**IF YOU ARE
AT RISK,
GET TESTED!**

HEPATITIS A

*Hepatitis A is a liver disease caused
by the hepatitis A virus (HAV).
It is spread by fecal matter in
contaminated drinking water or food
prepared by someone infected
with the virus.*

You may be at risk if you:

- Live with someone infected with the virus
- Have sex with someone infected with the virus
- Travel to countries where hepatitis A is common
- Are a man who has sex with men
- Inject illegal drugs

*Is there a vaccine to
prevent hepatitis A?*

YES!

HEPATITIS B

*Hepatitis B is a liver disease caused
by the hepatitis B virus (HBV).
It is spread through contact
with the blood or body fluids
of someone who has the virus.*

You may be at risk if you:

- Have sex with someone infected with the virus
- Have multiple sex partners
- Have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease
- Are a man who has sex with men
- Inject illegal drugs
- Share straws for snorting drugs

*Is there a vaccine to
prevent hepatitis B?*

YES!

HEPATITIS C

*Hepatitis C is a liver disease caused
by the hepatitis C virus (HCV).
It is spread primarily through
contact with the blood of
someone who has the virus.*

You may be at risk if you:

- Received a blood transfusion or organ transplant before 1992
- Have been on long-term kidney dialysis
- Have had an occupational exposure to blood
- Inject illegal drugs
- Share straws for snorting drugs
- Got a tattoo or body piercing with unsterilized equipment

*Is there a vaccine to
prevent hepatitis C?*

NO!

*For more information call **1-866-917-4HEP**
or visit www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/hepatitis*

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