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City Health Department Press Release:

The Marietta/Belpre City Health Department has confirmed a single case of hepatitis A in a food handler at the Belpre, Ohio location of Taco Bell located at 613 Washington Boulevard. Although the risk of transmission is extremely low, any restaurant patrons who consumed food or drink at that location on Saturday, April 28, 2018 may have been exposed to the hepatitis A virus.

The infected employee followed all hand washing and glove usage policies while working on that date. April 28th is the only date that the infected person was working at the Belpre location.

Based on this potential exposure, the Marietta/Belpre City Health Department is recommending those who ate or drank on April 28th to monitor for symptoms of hepatitis A. Symptoms of hepatitis A include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine, light-colored stools, and later could develop jaundice (yellowing of the skin).

Symptoms typically appear two to six weeks after consuming contaminated food or drink. Individuals that develop symptoms should call their health care provider and seek medical care.

Most adults have not been vaccinated for hepatitis A; however in 2006, the hepatitis A vaccine was added in the routine vaccination schedule for children at 12 months of age. Individuals who do not show symptoms can contact their health care provider to be considered for vaccination.

The Marietta/Belpre City Health Department is working closely with the Ohio Department of Health and Taco Bell corporate officials. The individual with hepatitis A is not currently working and is receiving medical care.

Resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/patienteduhav.htm#cdc>

For additional information on hepatitis A, please call 740-373-0611 ext. 2308 or 2303.

Michael K. Brockett, M.D. – Health Commissioner