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The South African law holds employers liable for known health hazards

"Every employer shall provide and maintain, as far as is reasonably practical, a working environment that is safe and without risk to the health of his employees"

Occupatiopnal Health and Safety Act, 85 of 1993 (Sec 8.1)

Hepatitis A:[1,2]

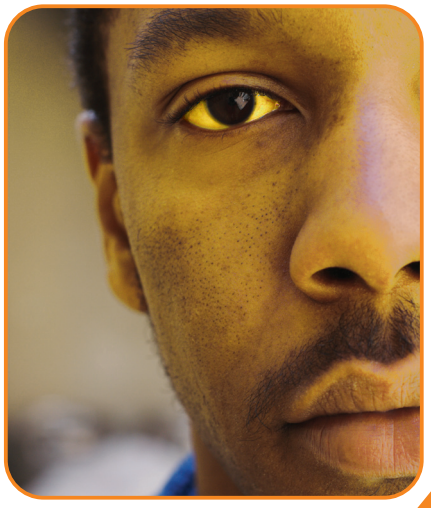
- Hepatitis A is mostly spread by faecal-hand-oral route
- You can get hepatitis A from contaminated food during harvesting or subsequent handling

Hepatitis A:[1]

- Hepatitis A is common disease
- Work absenteeism can vary from 27-60 days
- The severity of the disease can increase with age, immunosuppresion and pregnancy

Signs and symptoms:[2]

- Flu-like symptoms
- Nausea and vomiting with abdominal pain
- Fever and feeling tired constantly
- The jaundice phase reflects:
  - yellow skin and eyes
  - dark urine and pale stools
  - gastrointestinal tract (GIT) disturbances



ADVANCING THE SCIENCE: CORPORATE VACCINATION PROGRAM

Handwashingforlife® endorses the corporate Vaccination Program offered by GlaxoSmithKline in South Africa.
Easy and affordable: help to eliminate the risk of a hepatitis A virus outbreak among your employees and customers, call GlaxoSmithKline today.

GlaxoSmithKline Corporate Vaccination Enquiries:
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