



# Acute Hepatitis B Maine Surveillance Report | 2019

## Case Information:

58

patients diagnosed with acute hepatitis B

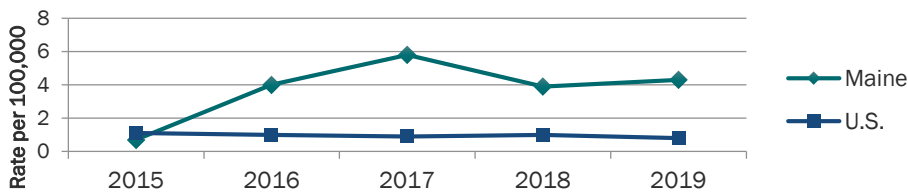
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cases per 100,000 people

11.5%

increase since 2018

## Rate of Acute Hepatitis B, Maine and United States



## Risk Factors:



43%

Were people who injected drugs



9%

Were people experiencing homelessness

**Baby Boomers**

17%

Were born between 1945-1965



12%

Were people with multiple sex partners



21%

Were people who used non-injection drugs

## Contact Investigations:



• 50% of patients were hospitalized

- 98% of patients had symptoms
- 100% of patients had elevated liver enzyme lab results
- 76% of patients had jaundice

## Demographics:

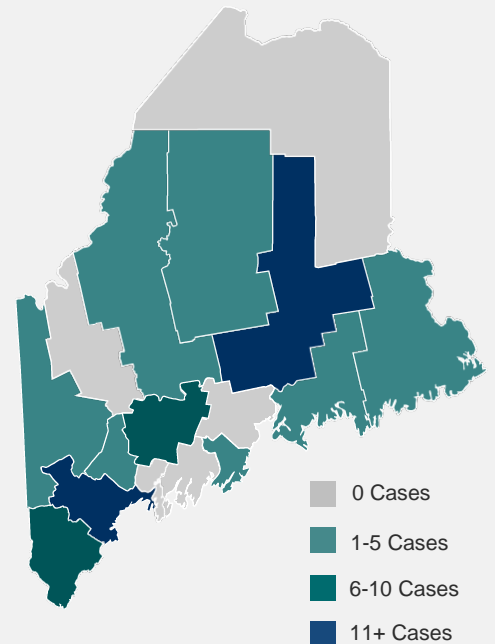


64% of patients were male

Median age of 41

93% White

## Geography:



## Prevention:

- Get vaccinated against hepatitis B
- Do not share syringes or injection kit equipment
- Practice safe sex
- Do not share razors, toothbrushes, or tattooing or piercing needles
- Get tested for hepatitis B, especially if you are a person who injects drugs, were ever incarcerated, were born between 1945-1965, or received an unlicensed tattoo
- If you have hepatitis B, seek medical care

For more information visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv/index.htm>

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/hepatitis>