



Weekly Health Update 5/24/2022

COVID-19:

Cumulative Case Count Roanoke City and Alleghany Health Districts: 63448 (up 666)

- Approximately 10% of new cases are in children
- Approximately 40% of new cases are in persons younger than 35 years of age

People hospitalized with COVID-19, as of Monday 5/23/2022: 27

- 23 new hospitalizations

COVID-19 related deaths, as of Tuesday 5/24/2022: 999

- 623 Alleghany Health District, 376 Roanoke City Health District

Hepatitis A:

Hepatitis A is a *vaccine preventable* viral illness that causes inflammation of the liver.

People can become infected with hepatitis A when they unknowingly ingest microscopic amounts of the virus through close personal contact with an infected person or through eating contaminated food or drink.

Common symptoms include fatigue, nausea, stomach pain, and jaundice (yellowing of the skin or whites of the eyes).

Symptoms can last up to 2 months.

Hepatitis A outbreak in the RCAHDs

- Since January 1, 2022, 58 cases of hepatitis A have been reported in the RCHADs.
- Substance use disorder, specifically injection drug use, is the most commonly identified risk factor in this outbreak
- Two people who have been identified with hepatitis A in the past two weeks are restaurant employees.
- People are encouraged to consider getting vaccinated against hepatitis A