

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



Ron DeSantis
Governor

Scott A. Rivkees, MD
State Surgeon General

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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
RENEWAL OF DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2019, I issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency in Florida, determining that Hepatitis A, a vaccine-preventable, communicable disease of the liver caused by the Hepatitis A virus, is a threat to public health in Florida; and

WHEREAS, as of September 21, 2019, there have been 2,608 reported cases of Hepatitis A in Florida this calendar year, resulting in 2,029 hospitalizations and 36 deaths; and

WHEREAS, Hepatitis A continues to pose a threat to public health in the State of Florida and requires that ongoing measures be taken to protect the public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott A. Rivkees, M.D., State Surgeon General, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 381.00315, Florida Statutes, and with the concurrence of the Governor, re-declare that a public health emergency exists in the State of Florida. The Declaration of Public Health Emergency issued on August 1, 2019, incorporated herein by reference, is hereby renewed and all sections therein are reaffirmed.

Executed and issued this 30th day of September, 2019, at Department of Health offices, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Scott A. Rivkees, M.D.
State Surgeon General