

CDC'S HEPATITIS WORK SAVES LIVES AND MONEY

4.4 million

people in the U.S. living with hepatitis B or hepatitis C

20,000 deaths

associated with hepatitis are reported on death certificates each year—but many more go uncounted

1,500+

people have been infected in several large hepatitis A outbreaks over the past year



Viral hepatitis is on the rise: new hepatitis C infections **nearly tripled** from 2010-15, and new hepatitis B infections **rose 20%** from 2014-2015, due to injection drug use



LIVES



MONEY



Screening all baby boomers just once would identify **800,000** living with chronic hep C but **unaware of their infection**



Implementing CDC's recommendations for hep C testing and linkage to care could **save 320,000 lives**



Since 2013, CDC has responded to **142 viral hepatitis outbreaks** and the viral hepatitis laboratory performed **165,834 tests**



Vaccination against hep B is **cost-saving**



CDC **invests \$21 million** in state, tribal, local, and territorial support for viral hepatitis response



\$6.5 billion: estimated total healthcare costs associated with hep C infection in 2011



The average cost of curing people with hep C is **not only cost-effective, but cost-saving** to the healthcare system

SPOTLIGHT: DOING A LOT WITH A LITTLE



One community-based project funded by CDC provided a model for test and cure strategies for the nation. After two years:

175,000

hep C tests performed

12,700

people diagnosed with hep C infection

2,400

already prescribed treatment

250

providers trained to treat patients with hep C