

Health Department Viral Hepatitis Program Strategic Planning 2019-2023

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New York City Health Department Viral Hepatitis Program: Vision

- A future in which hepatitis B and C can be eliminated
- All people infected will know their status and will receive health care to cure or manage their disease and improve their quality of life
- Hepatitis C: New infections can be prevented through harm reduction, infection control, and treatment of people who use drugs, and can be cured with direct acting antivirals
- Hepatitis B: New infections can be prevented with vaccination and those with chronic disease can be treated to limit disease progression, while the research for a functional cure is underway

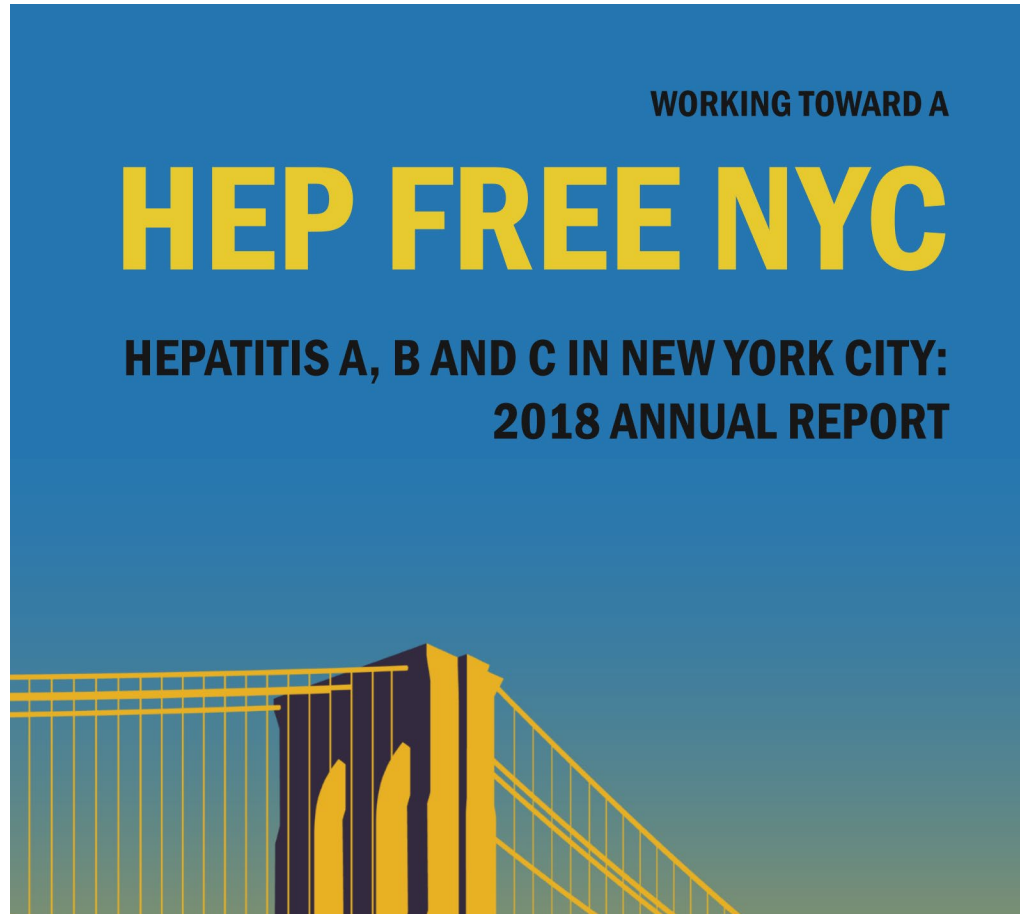
Themes

- Using data to drive clinical provider capacity to diagnose and treat viral hepatitis
- Strengthening partnerships to address health disparities in vulnerable populations
- Preventing new infections

Five Year Strategy: 2019 – 2023: What is the best role for the Health Department?

- **Goal 1:** Identify and share information about trends in viral hepatitis infections to promote citywide improvements in health care access and treatment
- **Goal 2:** Support healthcare organizations in eliminating hepatitis C and managing hepatitis B
- **Goal 3:** Substantially reduce new viral hepatitis infections in NYC

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STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2018, the Health Department developed a strategic plan to define priorities and goals to address viral hepatitis and to guide activities for the next five years.

GOAL 1: Identify and share information about trends in viral hepatitis infections to promote citywide improvements in health care access and treatment

Objectives:

- Establish citywide baseline screening and treatment initiation rates for hepatitis C and update annually
- Establish citywide baseline hepatitis B linkage to care rate and update annually
- Identify facilities with the highest number of patients with hepatitis B and C in NYC

GOAL 2: Support health care organizations in eliminating hepatitis C and managing hepatitis B

Objectives:

- Partner with hospitals, health centers, substance use treatment programs and community organizations serving the highest number of people at risk for, or living with, hepatitis B and C
- Share diagnosis and treatment dashboards with facilities to support improvements in screening, linkage to care and treatment
- Develop and provide training and educational materials for health care providers
- Develop and manage hepatitis B and C community-based patient navigation programs
- Organize the Hep Free NYC community coalition and build the capacity of stakeholders to prevent, manage and treat hepatitis B and C by supporting networking and providing information and resources

GOAL 3: Substantially reduce new viral hepatitis infections in NYC

Objectives:

- Characterize new hepatitis C infections (including method of transmission, patient demographics, location of diagnosis and treatment) among people under age 35
- Partner with organizations that serve young people who use drugs to develop and implement hepatitis C primary prevention and treatment strategies for youth
- Identify priority populations at highest risk for ongoing transmission of hepatitis B and C, and develop population-specific interventions to reduce new infections

Next Steps

- Monitor Indicators
 - Screening
 - Linkage to Care
 - Treatment Initiation
 - High Burden Facilities
 - Youth
 - Priority Populations
- Integrate the Health Department strategic plan with community objectives and goals for viral hepatitis elimination in New York City