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The ABCs of Hepatitis

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Hepatitis is a liver infection. In the United States, the most common causes are the hepatitis A, B, and C viruses. We've had a vaccine for hepatitis B since 1981 and for hepatitis A since 1995. Both vaccines are very safe and effective.

CDC tracks the number of cases of hepatitis. From 1995 to 2005, cases of hepatitis A and B dropped to the lowest number ever. Effective vaccines and the routine vaccination of children are among the reasons.

Reported cases of hepatitis C are also dropping. There is no vaccine, but outreach and education have helped people reduce their risk. What a great public health success story!

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