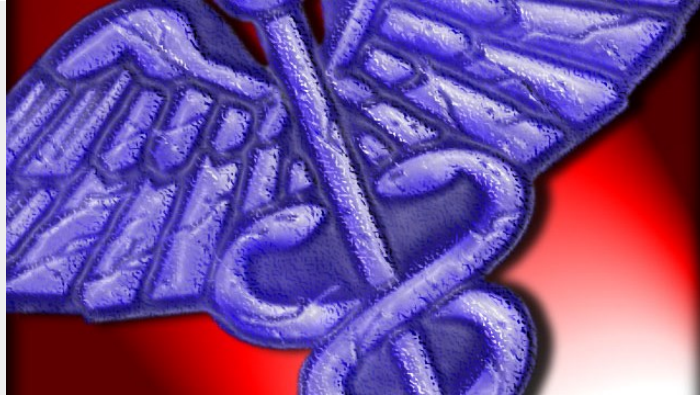


# HEALTH OFFICIAL SAYS HEPATITIS A CASES ON DECLINE

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A health official in West Virginia says there's been a drop in the number of hepatitis A cases being reported.

The Gazette-Mail reports the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department is now helping manage 10 to 15 hepatitis A cases a week, which is down from 50 to 60 cases per week at the peak of the outbreak.

Health department Director of Epidemiology and Emergency Preparedness Janet Briscoe said officials there have worked with hospitals and other partners to try to get vaccines to at-risk populations.

She said the agency has investigated over 1,000 cases of hepatitis A.