

# Viral Hepatitis



5 million Americans infected - 75% unaware  
>80,000 Arizonans infected with hepatitis C

Leading cause of liver cancer and liver transplant

Deaths have been increasing: >20,000 Americans die each year related to hepatitis

## Top Reported Infectious Diseases in Arizona\*\*

Chlamydia 30,476

Valley Fever 11,888

Influenza 11,296

**Hepatitis C\* ~10,000**

Gonorrhea 5,815

Invasive MRSA 1,166

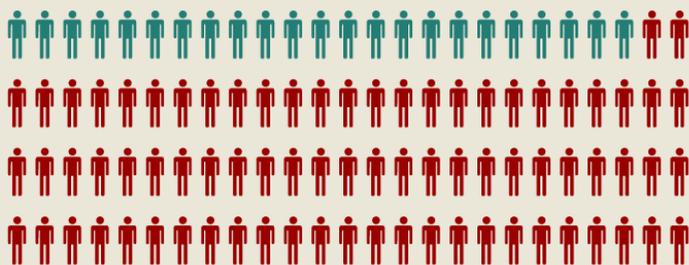
**Hepatitis B\* 1,043**

Salmonellosis 996

\*\*5 year median, \*acute and chronic cases

## Gaps in Hepatitis C Testing & Linkage to Care

Out of 100 people who were initially positive on the screening test...



■ Received confirmatory test (23%)  
 ■ Did not receive confirmation (77%)

## Who is at Risk?

### Hepatitis C



Baby Boomers  
Veterans

Persons with HIV

Persons who have ever injected drugs

### Hepatitis B



Asians/Pacific Islanders are 7x more likely to die from hepatitis B

## Goals to Combat Hepatitis in Arizona

Strengthen surveillance to detect viral hepatitis outbreaks

Educate providers and communities to reduce health disparities related to viral hepatitis

Improve screening and linkage to care to prevent liver disease and cancer

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