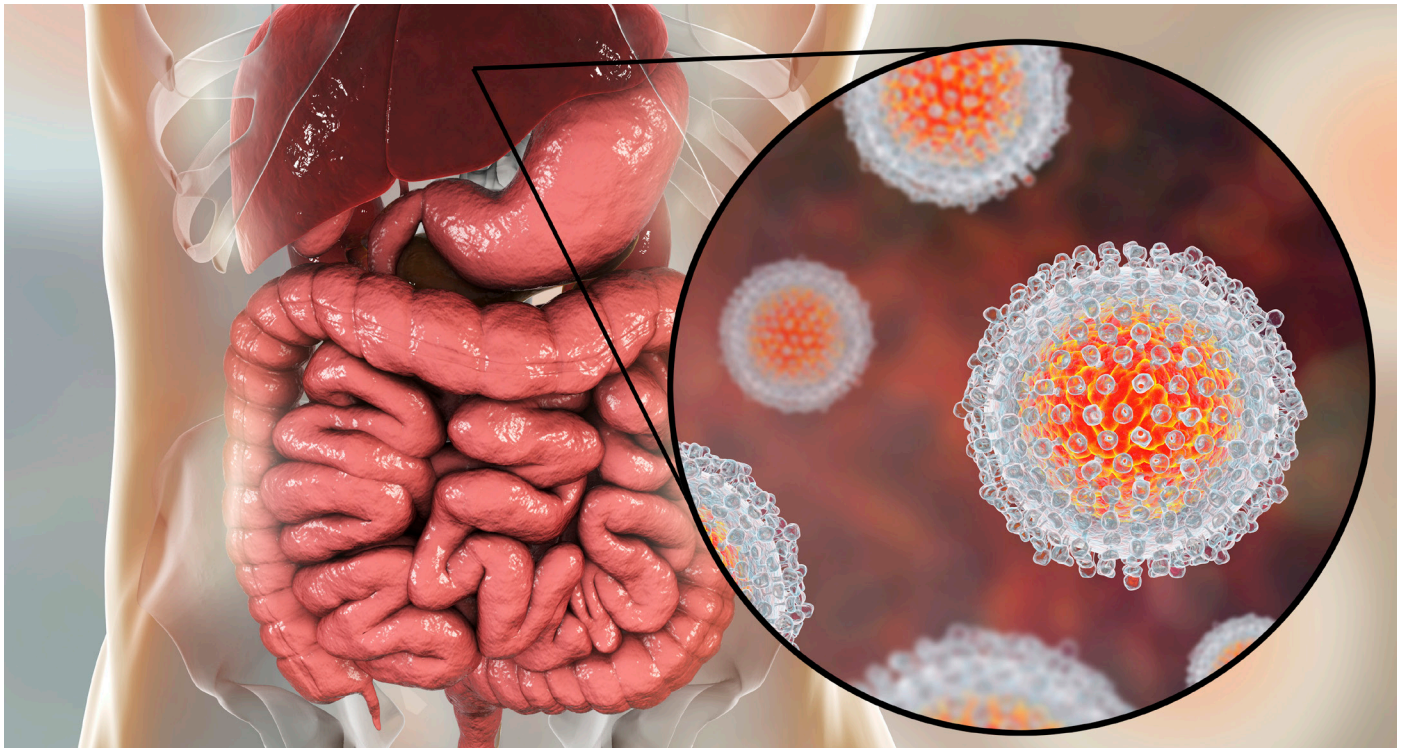


# HEPATITIS C



Hepatitis C is a virus that affects liver function. It is spread by contact with an infected person's blood, for example by sharing needles or having intercourse with an infected person.

Many people with Hepatitis C don't know they have the disease, won't have symptoms, but the NOMC can do a simple blood test to check for the virus.

**If you suspect you may be at risk please come to the NOMC (for an appointment please call 504-412-1366) to be tested.** We have the opportunity to help you receive free treatment via one of our partnering providers.

You can protect yourself and others from Hepatitis C by not sharing needles with anyone, wearing gloves if you have to touch someone's blood, having protected intercourse, not using an infected person's toothbrush, razor, or anything else that could have blood on it, and taking other safety precautions.

For further information please visit some of these resources:

- [Learn the Effects of Hepatitis C on the Body](#)
- [CDC](#)
- [HCV Advocate](#)
- [American Liver Foundation \(ALF\)](#)