

URGENT CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE WITH BLOOD-BORNE VIRUSES

Coronavirus is serious and it's spreading.

People who use drugs might be at greater risk of getting it and having it worse than other people.

Right now, there's no evidence that coronavirus is worse if you have a liver disease including hep B or C.

But it's still important to keep yourself safe with this information:

- If you already see a doctor to help manage your condition, **keep showing up**. If you're worried, give them a call to check their clinic is still open.
- **Hepatitis Victoria** has said they will keep staffing their **Hepatitis Infoline (1800 703 003)** from 9am to 5pm on weekdays.
- If you're planning to head into the Hepatitis Victoria office, **give them a call first** on 03 9380 4644 to discuss.
- **If you are already on DAA therapy, keep going with it**. There is no evidence that DAA therapy makes it harder to fight off coronavirus.
- But if you're just about to start DAA therapy, **it might be worth holding off**. Talk to your doctor about things like that.
- **Do not change your medication or treatment unless your doctor specifically says so**. Your medication keeps you safe and changing how you take it can be dangerous.
- **If you can only keep up to a month's worth of medicine, talk to your doctor**. You should be able to get your medicine without any problems.

If you have hepatitis and want more info, Google "hep vic" and go to the Hepatitis Victoria website.

For more info, including general advice on staying safe, Google "dhhs corona" and click on the first link.

Or go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

If you have any questions, talk to your doctor or NSP worker.