

Pediatric Hepatitis Overview

- CDC and state health departments investigating cases of children with hepatitis of unknown cause
- 274 cases from 39 states
- 6 KY cases, 8 mos - 4 yrs old, under investigation
- Cause unknown; possible adenovirus type 41 link
- No relation to COVID-19 vaccination; no link to other common causes of viral hepatitis

Pediatric Hepatitis Management

- Inflammation of liver causing yellow skin and eyes, vomiting and diarrhea, and abnormal blood labs
- Children with these symptoms should be promptly evaluated by a pediatric specialist
- Only half of cases test positive for adenovirus type 41 and this is not a common cause of hepatitis
- Care is supportive