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**Director General of Health Privileged Statement
Under Section 37 of the Food Act 1981**

The Ministry of Health advises that patrons purchasing food from the McDonalds Restaurant at the corner of Great South & Greenlane Roads, Greenlane, Auckland on December 15 between 7 pm and 2 am on December 16 may have been exposed to the hepatitis A virus.

A staff member with the illness may have exposed patrons to the virus through foods they were involved in preparing.

The staff member is now off duty. There is no ongoing risk of hepatitis A associated with food from the restaurant.

Most of the patrons are not able to be contacted. All patrons who ate food from McDonalds Greenlane during the above period need to be extra cautious with their hand hygiene, as outlined below, as the disease can be transmitted by contamination of food from the hands even in those without symptoms.

The Ministry of Health requests that patrons who bought food from McDonalds on December 15 between 7 pm and 2 am the next morning contact Auckland Regional Public Health Service on phone (09) 623 4600 for further advice.

Ends.

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