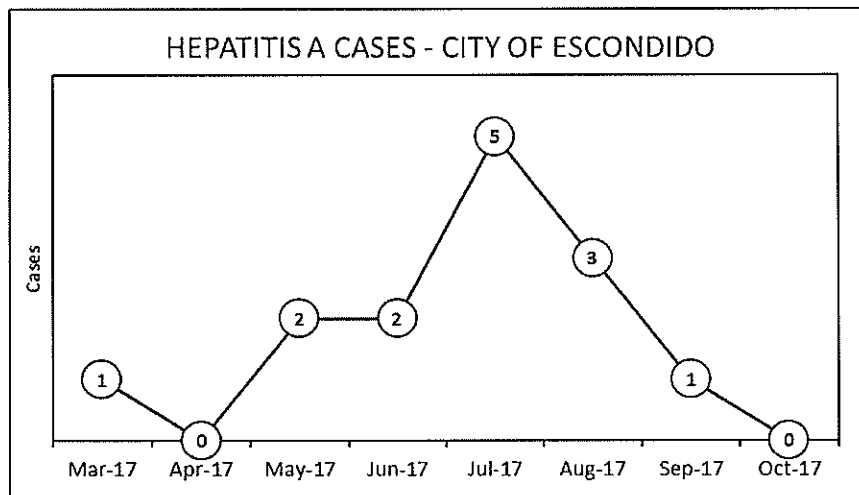


November 6, 2017

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: WILLIAM L. WOLFE, Deputy City Manager *WW*
SUBJECT: Status Update Regarding Hepatitis A Outbreak

This memo is to serve as an update on the Hepatitis A outbreak and our City's response to the situation. As you know, on September 1, 2017, the County of San Diego declared a local emergency due to the outbreak and rapid spread of Hepatitis A, particularly in the homeless community. Upon my hiring as Deputy City Manager on August 28, 2017, I was tasked with addressing the outbreak as it relates to the City of Escondido. Prior to this time, 13 people had reported the infection to the County, and listed Escondido as their city of residence. The 13 cases were reported as follows:



Upon receipt of this assignment, we immediately implemented a plan to combat the spread of infection utilizing San Diego County's guidance of "Vaccinate, Sanitize, and Educate." To date, in cooperation with the County of San Diego, we have vaccinated more than 100 apparent homeless individuals, and more than 100 City of Escondido employees primarily those whose job assignments place them at risk. We have two more mobile vaccination events scheduled for our employees this month. We have placed educational literature on our City website to educate the public, and we have created a sanitation protocol for our public restrooms to assure no further spread of the infection.

Since this plan has been implemented, we have 1 reported case in September, and none in October, leading us to cautious optimism that our plan is succeeding. We will continue to be vigilant.