



Alabama Hepatitis A Virus Outbreak



September 4, 2019

Key Points:



142 outbreak cases



38 years average age



63% male

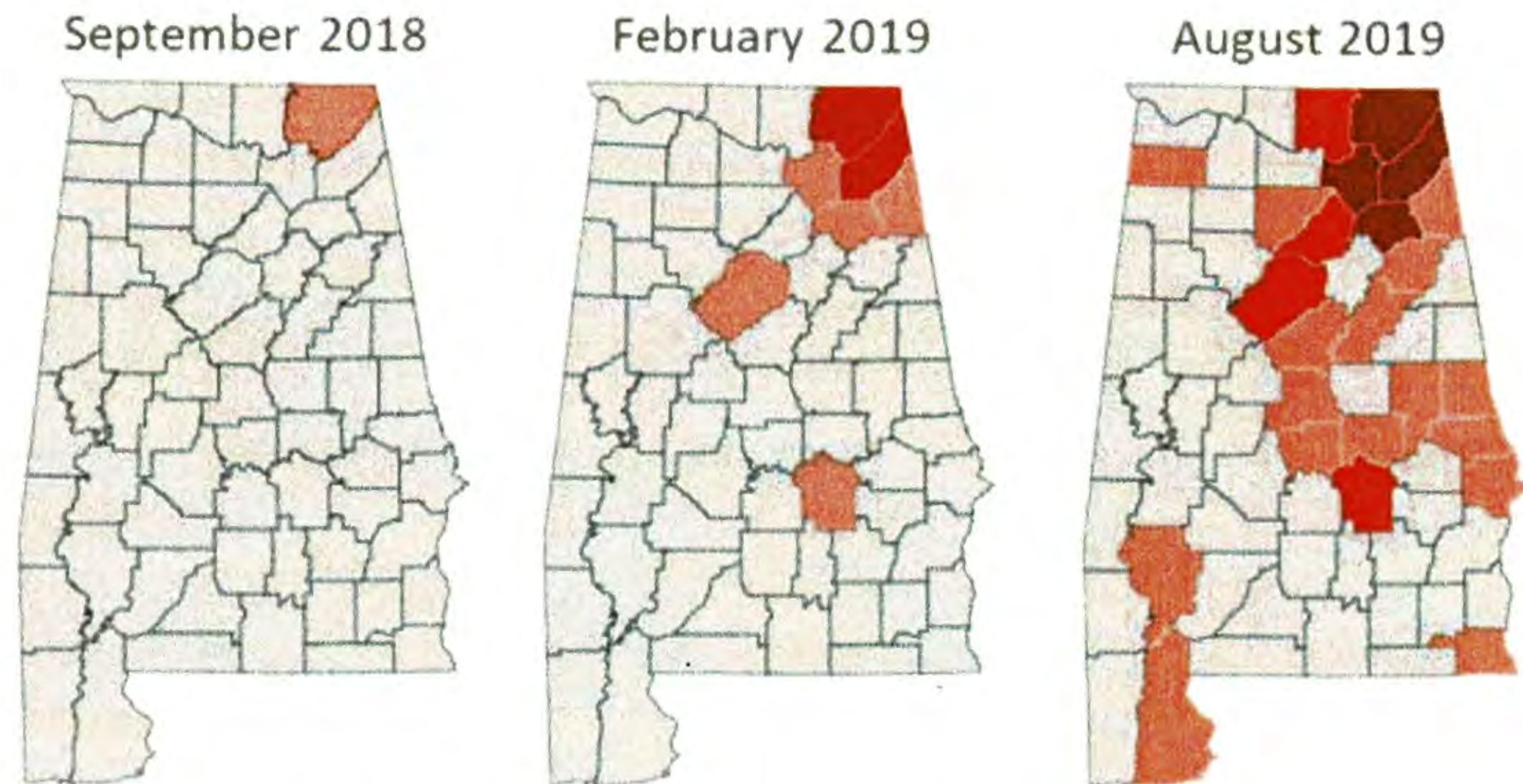


55% hospitalized

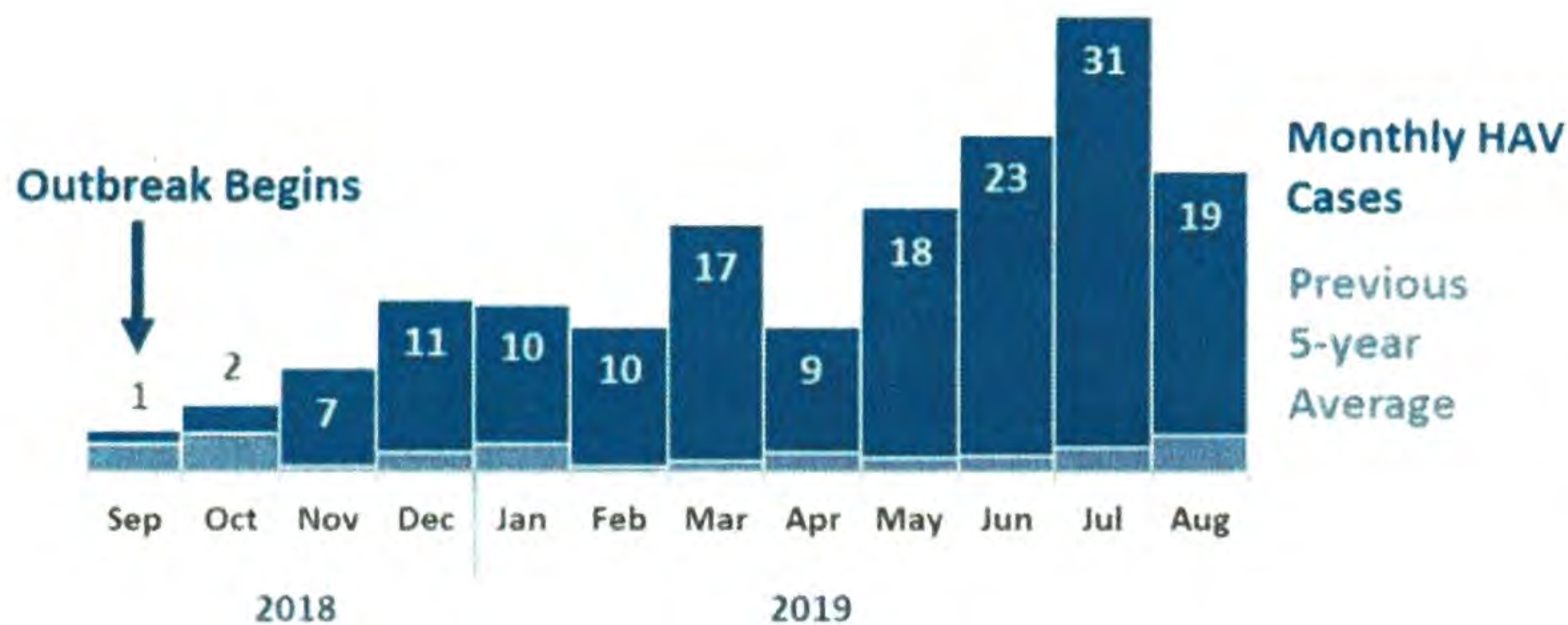


9,500 vaccines administered

The number of Hepatitis A virus (HAV) outbreak cases continues to increase in Alabama. Alabama is part of a national outbreak of HAV. The outbreak started in northeast Alabama in September 2018 and has spread throughout the state by July 2019. HAV is spread person-to-person through poop to mouth contact among unvaccinated persons.

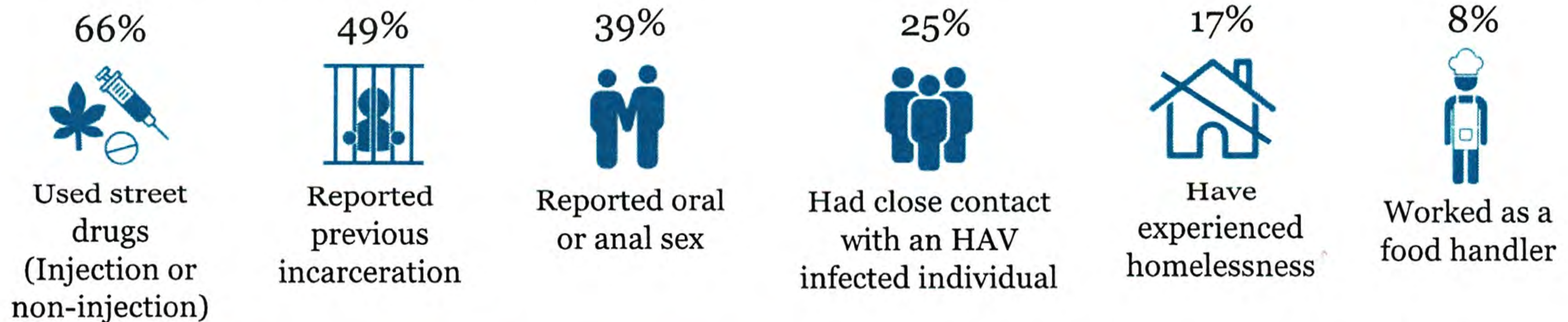


■ 11 to 32 cases ■ 4 to 10 cases ■ 1 to 3 cases



Thirty-one cases of HAV were reported in July 2019, the highest number of monthly cases since the outbreak began in September, 2018. To prevent the spread of HAV, individuals with risk factors should receive the HAV vaccine.

Those at highest risk for HAV infection include people who use street drugs (injection or non-injection), who are currently or previously incarcerated, who are experiencing unstable housing or homelessness, or who engage in oral or anal sex. The following describes outbreak associated HAV cases in Alabama.



Protect yourself against HAV, get vaccinated today. One dose of HAV vaccine provides long-lasting protection in up to 95% of those who receive it. To find a provider, pharmacy or health department with the vaccine near you, check out the following website <https://tinyurl.com/yyeh4cav>.