

\$200,000 Settlement Reached in New York City Hepatitis A Lawsuit

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An official settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit filed against the New York City seafood restaurant responsible for exposing nearly 3,000 people to the hepatitis A virus (HAV) in 2013. Former customers of the eatery who got tested or vaccinated for the liver virus in the aftermath of the outbreak can apply online to receive a portion of the \$200,000 settlement by December 16, 2016, [Food Safety News reports](#).

According to the settlement, potential class members who may benefit from the lawsuit include anyone who ate or drank at the Bronx-based New Hawaii Sea Restaurant at 1475 Williamsbridge Road from September 7 to September 19, 2013, or were exposed to someone who did. To qualify, class members must show sufficient evidence that they received a blood test, immune globulin (IG) test or hepatitis A vaccination within 30 days of eating at the restaurant.

According to the New York City Department of Health, [the 2013 outbreak](#) is thought to have been caused by an employee who tested positive for hepatitis A while working at the restaurant. This particular settlement applies only to those who were potentially exposed to the food-borne illness. The four patrons of the restaurant who actually developed hepatitis A after eating at New Hawaii Sea are not included in this case.

More information about the lawsuit can be found at www.NewHawaiiHepA.com, a website set up by Marler Clark, the Seattle-based firm responsible for the suit. Marler Clark, which specializes in food safety litigation, has brought similar lawsuits against McDonald's, Taco Bell, Subway and Costco in recent years.
