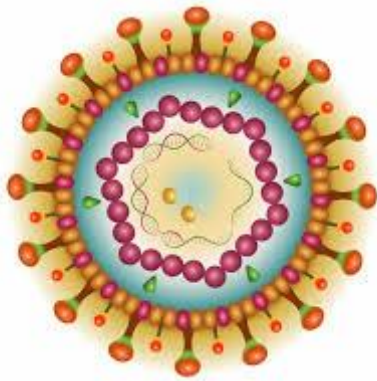


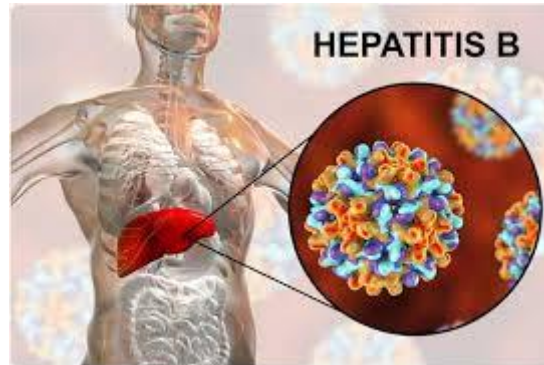
Hepatitis B Vaccine



Do Not Let the
Hepatitis B

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Sources: www.CDC.gov and www.vdh.virginia.gov



What is Hepatitis B or HBV?

Hepatitis B is liver infection caused by hepatitis B virus. For some people hepatitis B is a short-term illness, but for some others it can become a long-term, chronic infection.

How is HBV transmitted?

- Sex with an infected Partner
- Injected-drug use that involves sharing needles, syringes, or drug-preparation equipment
- Birth to an infected mother
- Contact with blood from or open sores on infected person
- Exposures to needle sticks or sharp instruments

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What are the signs and symptoms of HBV infection?

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- Dark Urine
- Clay-colored stool
- Joint pain
- Jaundice

What is the Incubation period for hepatitis B?

- Symptoms occurs on average of 90 days after exposure

Who should be vaccinated against hepatitis B?

- All infants
- Unvaccinated children aged <19 years
- People at risk for infection by sexual exposure
- People at risk for infection by percutaneous or mucosal exposure to blood
- International travelers to countries with high or intermediate levels of endemic HBV infection
- People with hepatitis C virus infection
- People with liver disease and autoimmune liver disease
- People with HIV infection
- People who are incarcerated
- People that want protection from HBV infection

Who should not receive hepatitis B vaccine?

- Anyone with a serous allergic reaction to prior dose of hepatitis B vaccine, any components of the hepatitis B vaccine, or yeast should not receive hepatitis B vaccine

Can hepatitis B vaccine be administered concurrently with other vaccines?

- Administering hepatitis B vaccine at the same time as other vaccines has not been shown to interfere with antibody response

