

# Hepatitis B Spreads Through Bodily Fluids



blood



common hygiene items



from mother to baby during birth

## What is Perinatal Hepatitis B?

Perinatal hepatitis B is caused by the hepatitis B virus.

All infants are at risk of perinatal hepatitis B.

Perinatal hepatitis B is when a hepatitis B positive mother spreads the virus to the baby.

Without treatment, perinatal hepatitis B can be deadly.

Perinatal hepatitis B can be prevented and treated.

## Expecting?



How to protect your family and community against perinatal hepatitis B



## FACTS:

- Without testing, hepatitis B can go undetected until severe complications arise
- Anyone can get and transmit hepatitis B
- Hepatitis B can cause complications with the liver
- **25% of children with hepatitis B will die in the United States**
- **Hepatitis B vaccines and treatment can prevent up to 95% of transmission**

Mothers who have hepatitis B should inform all of their healthcare providers

Testing is the easiest way to prevent hepatitis B



## How to Prevent Perinatal Hepatitis B:

TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR

GET TESTED

GET THE HEPATITIS B VACCINE

FOLLOW THE HEPATITIS B

SCHEDULE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

**ALL State and County Health Centers test and offer vaccines for FREE without needing prior medical approval or insurance!**

## Hepatitis B Vaccine Schedule for Infants



**at birth:** Hepatitis B vaccine  
\*HBIG only if mother is positive for hepatitis B



**1-2 months old:** Hepatitis B vaccine



**4 months old:** Hepatitis B vaccine  
(if birth weight is less than 4.4 lb)



**6 months old:** Hepatitis B vaccine

Bloodwork should be done at **9 months old** and a minimum of 1 month past most recent hepatitis B vaccination.

**Healthcare providers are to test for BOTH HBsAg and anti-HBs.**

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