

ARE YOU AT RISK FOR HEPATITIS B?

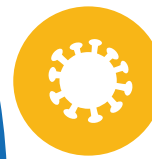
How to protect yourself and those around you

Hepatitis B virus (HBV) is a serious liver infection. It can cause debilitating disease, including cirrhosis and liver cancer.

People that have chronic HBV infection are
**70 to 85%
MORE LIKELY TO
DIE PREMATURELY**
than the general population

For more information about the Moving Needles project or hepatitis B visit

www.movingneedles.org
or www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hbv



Hepatitis B is an occupational risk for health care personnel.

Hepatitis B is transmitted through direct contact with infected blood or bodily fluids. It is highly infectious, can be transmitted in the absence of visible blood, and remains infectious on environmental surfaces for at least 7 days.



Hepatitis B is preventable through a safe and effective vaccine that has been available in the US since 1981. The vaccine is a series of 2-4 shots, depending on the vaccine formula and health needs of the person getting vaccinated.



Due to their increased exposure risk, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends health care personnel be vaccinated against hepatitis B.

Check your medical records or ask your primary care doctor for your vaccination history. If you have not been vaccinated, consider getting the shots to protect you and those around you.



A few shots protect you and your loved ones against hepatitis B for a lifetime.

