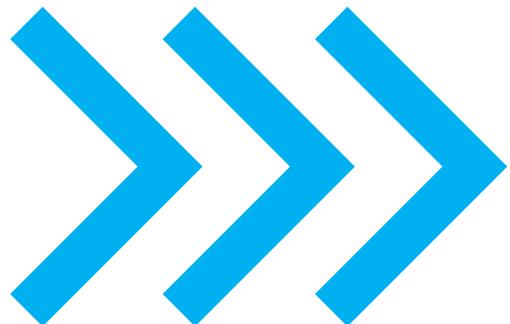


# Hep B Vaccine: Your Questions *Answered*



# How does hepatitis B spread?



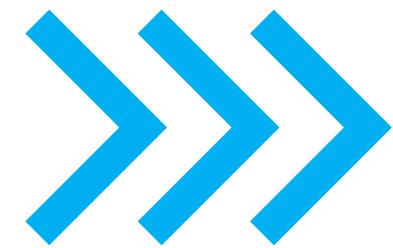
Babies and children can get the hepatitis B virus during:

- Birth (from an infected pregnant person).
- Breastfeeding, touching open cuts or sores, or sharing personal items from an infected person.

# Why do newborns need the hepatitis B vaccine?

- Babies are **best protected** when they get the vaccine early.
- Without treatment or vaccination, 70%-90% of infants born to an infected parent will become infected themselves.





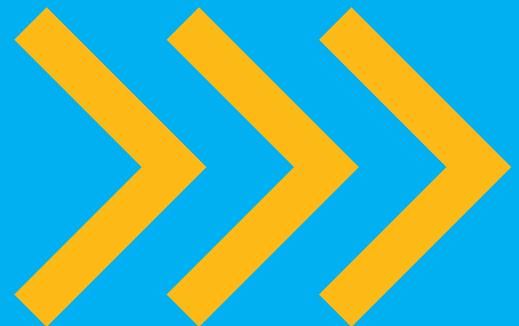
# **When should babies get the hepatitis B vaccine?**



To be fully protected, children should get a dose of the hepatitis B vaccine at:

- Birth
- 1-2 months old
- 6-18 months old

# Is the hepatitis B vaccine safe?



Yes!

The hepatitis B vaccine is **safe, effective, and vital** to protecting babies and children from serious disease.



**Ask your healthcare  
provider how the  
Hep B vaccine can  
protect your baby!**

