

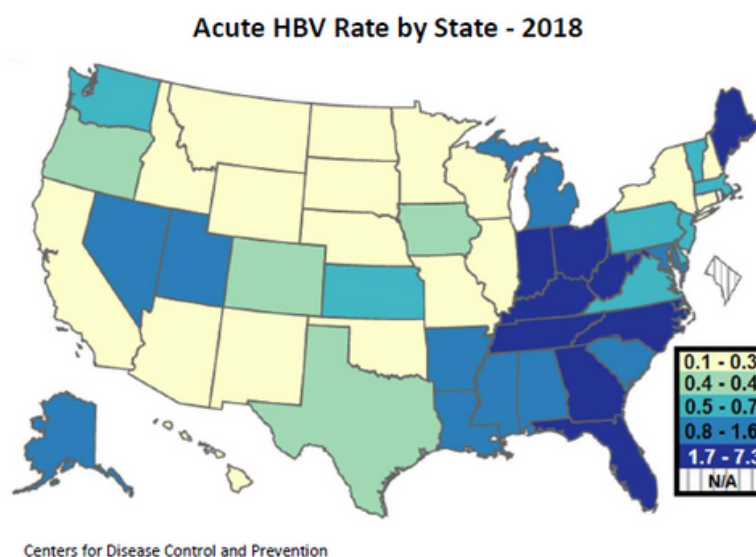
# HEPATITIS B

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In recent years, more people are becoming newly infected with hepatitis B, a disease that affects the liver and can cause health complications



These rising infections of hepatitis B are tied to the opioid epidemic in the U.S.



36% of new hepatitis B infections occur among people who inject drugs

**HEPATITIS B**  
**CAN BE MORE DANGEROUS**  
If you also have  
**HEPATITIS C**  
**OR HIV**

## WHAT IS HEPATITIS B?

Hepatitis B is a **virus that attacks the liver**.

Infections can be newer and short-lived (acute) or lifelong (chronic).

If left undiagnosed, a chronic infection can lead to scarring of the liver (cirrhosis) or even liver cancer over time.

## COULD YOU BE INFECTED?

**MOST PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS**



**A SIMPLE BLOOD TEST**

**CAN TELL IF YOU ARE INFECTED**

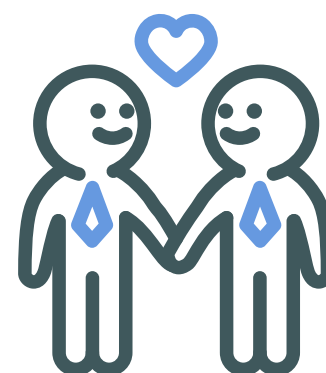
## WHO IS AT RISK?



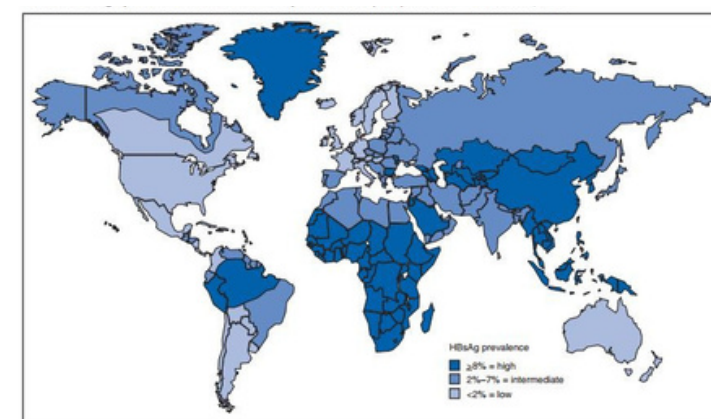
People who come into direct contact with infected blood, share needles, inject drugs, are exposed to unsafe dental or medical procedures



People with many sexual partners

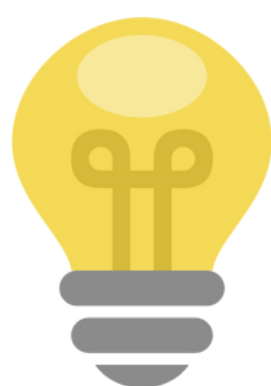


People who have unprotected sex



People who are from countries where hepatitis B is highly endemic (dark blue regions on the map)

## IF YOU ARE AT RISK:



Ask your doctor to test you for hepatitis B, and about getting the hepatitis B vaccine if you're not protected

## IF YOU ARE INFECTED:

Managing your hepatitis B is important!

**TRY TO SEE A DOCTOR KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT HEPATITIS B EVERY 6 MONTHS TO CHECK UP ON THE VIRUS AND PREVENT LIVER DAMAGE**

**THE VACCINE CAN PROTECT YOU AGAINST HEPATITIS B FOR LIFE!**



Hep B United is a national coalition led by the Hepatitis B Foundation to address and eliminate hepatitis B, a serious liver infection that is the leading cause of liver cancer.

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