

The Importance of Hepatitis B Vaccine for Children at Birth



Why is hepatitis B important for me?

Hepatitis B is one of the most common infections in the world.

Hepatitis B is more common among people who were born in Nigeria.

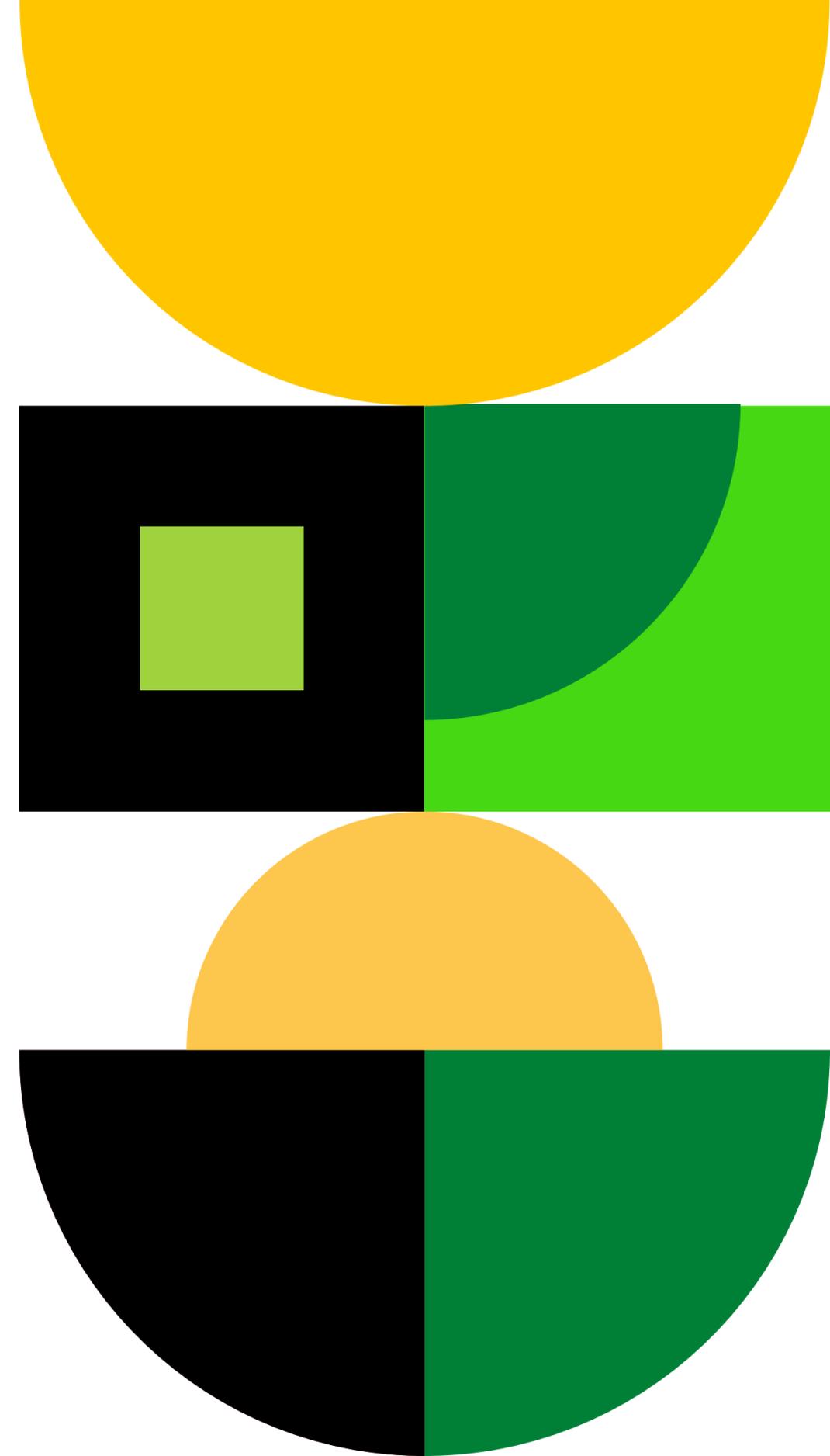


What is Hepatitis B?

Hepatitis B is a virus that infects the liver. It can lead to serious liver disease and even liver cancer.



Most people with hepatitis B do not know they are infected and most people do not show signs of infection until it is too late.





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**Hepatitis B is spread by
blood to blood contact
or through sexual
contact.**



How can you get hepatitis B?

Blood or sexual contact can transmit hepatitis B



However,

The most common route of transmission is from the **mother to the child during birth.**

**Can Hepatitis B be
prevented?**



YES!



The best way to prevent hepatitis B is with the hepatitis B vaccine.



The Hepatitis B vaccine is safe and can prevent a hepatitis B infection.

Starting with a dose of hepatitis B vaccine within the first 24 hours of birth can prevent a lifetime of infection.



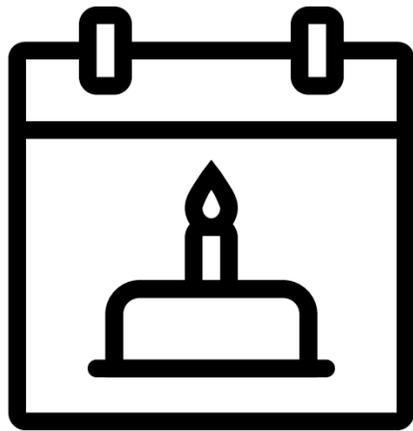
How can I get the hepatitis B birth dose vaccine?

All pregnant women should ask their doctor or midwife **before** and **after** delivery for the hepatitis B vaccine birth dose to be given to their baby.

The birth dose should be given within the first **24 hours** of birth to be most effective and prevent hepatitis B.



Hepatitis B Vaccination Schedule



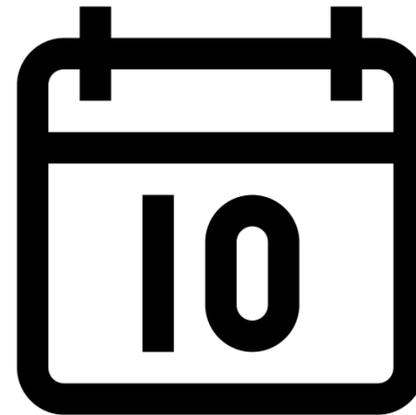
At Birth.

Your baby must receive the hepatitis B birth dose within **24 hours of birth**



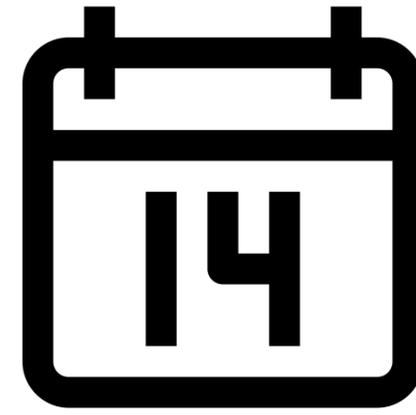
6 Weeks

Your baby is due for their first pentavalent vaccine.



10 Weeks

Your baby is due for their second pentavalent vaccine.



14 Weeks

Your baby is due for their third pentavalent vaccine.

What if I deliver at home? Can I still get the hepatitis B vaccine for my baby?



Where can I get the Hepatitis B Birth dose?

- At the Health Facility, in the maternity ward and immunization clinic
- At the Community, during Outreach sessions





**For more
information visit:**

www.hepb.org



**You have the power to
prevent hepatitis B!
START WITH THE BIRTH DOSE!**

