

# KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT HEPATITIS B

**Hepatitis B** is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis B virus. The infection causes damage (inflammation) to the liver.

## Signs

- Yellow skin or eyes
- Not wanting to eat or stomach pain
- Throwing up
- Fever
- Dark urine or light-colored stools
- Joint pain
- Diarrhea
- Feeling tired

## Spread

Hepatitis B is spread when blood, semen or other body fluids from an infected person enters the body of someone who is not infected. This can happen through:

- Sex
- Sharing needles, syringes or other drug-injection equipment
- During pregnancy or delivery

## Vaccine

- If you have hepatitis B, your baby needs to be vaccinated against it within 24 hours of birth to prevent infection.
- Vaccine side effects often go away within 2 days and are usually mild.



## Facts

- Not all people newly infected with hepatitis B have symptoms.
- Chronic infection can lead to serious, even life-threatening health issues like cirrhosis or liver cancer.
- About 1 in 3 children who get infected before age 6 will develop chronic hepatitis B.
- Many older children and adults infected with the hepatitis B virus recover completely with time.



**Vaccinate now, protect yourself and others.**

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