

Fact Sheet

October 2009

Eligibility for Free Hepatitis B Vaccine

- Infants born to carrier mothers
- Household contacts of acute cases and carriers
- Sexual contacts of acute cases and carriers
- Injection drug users
- Men who have sex with men
- Persons with multiple sex partners or with a history of a sexually transmitted disease
- Victims of sexual assault
- Persons on renal dialysis and those with diseases requiring frequent receipt of blood products (e.g. haemophilia) (only the 2nd and 3rd doses will be provided at no cost)
- Those having needle-stick injuries in a non-health care setting
- Individuals awaiting liver transplants (only the 2nd and 3rd doses will be provided at no cost)
- Children six years of age and younger, whose families have immigrated from countries with a high prevalence of hepatitis B (See list of countries below)
- Persons with chronic liver disease (including hepatitis C)
- Grade 7 students who are part of the Hepatitis B School Immunization Program

Eligibility for Free Hepatitis A Vaccine Entire Series - 2 Doses

- Anyone with chronic liver disease such as hepatitis B and hepatitis C
- Injection drug users
- Men who have sex with men

Geographic Areas With a High Endemicity of Hepatitis B Infection

- **Africa:** All countries except Algeria, Egypt, Libya, and Tunisia
- **South Asia:** All countries except Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka
- **Western Pacific:** All countries except Australia, Guam, Japan, and New Zealand
- **Middle East:** Jordan and Saudi Arabia
- **Eastern Europe and Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union:** Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
- **Western Europe:** Malta
- **North America:** Alaska Native populations and indigenous populations in Northern Canada and Greenland
- **South America:** Amazonian areas of Brazil, Bolivia, Columbia, Peru, and Venezuela