

Instructions for Scheduling Your Hepatitis B Vaccine (HBV)

You are encouraged to consult with your health care provider about the timing of your Hepatitis B vaccine in relation to other vaccines you are scheduled or plan to receive (COVID-19, Flu, Shingles, etc.).

What is hepatitis B?

Hepatitis B is a highly contagious, serious liver disease caused by the hepatitis B virus. It is spread through contact with the blood or other body fluids of an infected person, including contact with objects that could have blood or body fluids on them. The hepatitis B virus can cause short-term illness and serious, long-term infection.

What is the hepatitis B vaccine?

The hepatitis B vaccine is the best way to prevent infection. It is a series of 2, 3, or 4 shots usually given over a 6-to-12 month period. It is given by an injection into the arm muscle. Estimates of long-term protection for those getting the full vaccination (2, 3, or 4 doses) suggest that protection from hepatitis B could last for up to 20 or 30 years and possibly for life.

How to schedule your hepatitis B vaccine

The hepatitis B vaccine is preventative care and, as such, will be covered by your insurance provider at no cost to you. To avoid a co-payment it is important you inform the scheduler you are making an appointment to receive a hepatitis B vaccine.

If you have any questions about your insurance coverage of the hepatitis B vaccine, you are encouraged to contact your Benefits Specialist:

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