
INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR HEPATITIS B VACCINE AT NO COST

The following groups receive publicly funded hepatitis B vaccine through the Public Health Branch program. Vaccine is ordered through local health departments.

1. Infants born to carrier mothers - 2nd and 3rd dose only
2. Household and sexual contacts of chronic carriers
3. Household and sexual contacts of acute cases
4. Patients on renal dialysis and those with diseases requiring frequent receipt of blood products (e.g., haemophilia) - 2nd and 3rd dose only
5. Children and adults who are in the community awaiting liver transplants - 2nd and 3rd dose only
6. Intravenous drug users
7. Homosexual men and heterosexuals with multiple sex partners (mainly in STD clinics)
8. Those having needlestick injuries in a non health care setting
9. Hepatitis B School Immunization Program - Grade 7 Students
10. Children < 7 years old whose families have immigrated from countries of high prevalence for hepatitis B, and who may be exposed to HBV carriers through their extended families
11. Persons with chronic liver disease including hepatitis C carriers.