What is Hepatitis B?
- A liver disease that results from infection with the Hepatitis B virus
- Varies from a brief mild illness lasting a few weeks to lifelong serious illness
- A blood borne illness that is largely transmitted through sexual contact or shared IV needles

Hepatitis B Vaccines
- Denmark, England, Sweden, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Italy, Japan and other countries only immunize children born to mothers who test positive
- Vaccinating all children may put “vulnerable children” at risk

Questions for Pregnant Moms

Have you met your doctor’s recommendations for prenatal Hepatitis B testing?

- YES
- NO

Did you test negative for Hep B?

- YES
- NO

Are you or your partner engaging in high risk behavior during your pregnancy such as IV drug use or unprotected sex?

- NO
- YES

You may want to consider postponing the Hepatitis B vaccine for your baby. Hep B is largely an adult lifestyle disease spread through unprotected sex and sharing of intravenous needles.

Talk to your doctor about following CDC recommendations for Hep B vaccination.

“For every 1,000 pregnant women that give birth each year, 1 to 2 of them have Hepatitis B” - CDC

SOURCES