



Safe From the Start



Hepatitis B Vaccine Saves Lives.

One of the first decisions you will need to make about your baby's health is getting the birth dose of the hepatitis B vaccine. Protect your baby from becoming one of the 50,000 people newly infected with hepatitis B each year. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends hepatitis B vaccination for all newborns. Talk with your doctor about vaccinating your baby against hepatitis B.

- The hepatitis B vaccine is administered in a series of three separate injections to protect your child.
- The birth dose is given before your baby leaves the hospital, followed by shots given at 2- and 6-month well-child visits.
- It is crucial to complete the vaccination series to ensure your baby is protected.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERINATAL HEPATITIS B PREVENTION PROGRAM, PLEASE CALL 850-245-4342 OR VISIT WWW.IMMUNIZEFLORIDA.ORG OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO PHBPP@FLHEALTH.GOV.