



# 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 within 24 hours after birth at 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 1-877-888-7468 OR VISIT [WWW.IMMUNIZEFLORIDA.ORG](http://WWW.IMMUNIZEFLORIDA.ORG) OR SEND AN EMAIL TO [PHBPP@FLHEALTH.GOV](mailto:PHBPP@FLHEALTH.GOV).**

