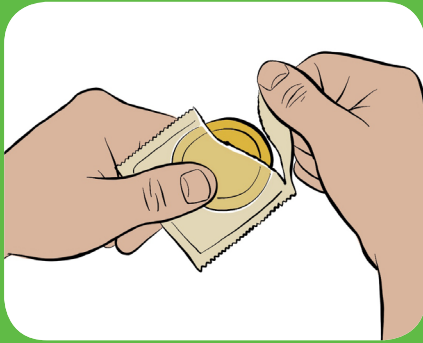


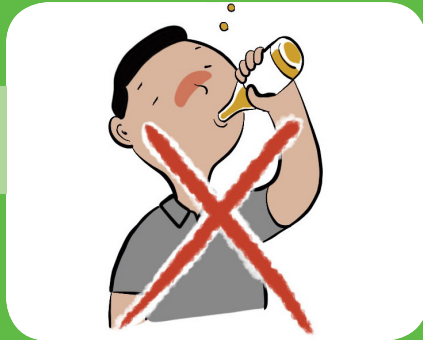
## What else should I do if I have hepatitis B?

- Attend medical appointments for your hepatitis B, usually every 6-12 months.
- Do not share toothbrushes, razors, or tweezers.



- Always use condoms.

- Do not drink alcohol or use illicit injectable drugs.



- If you have a cut, anybody attending to you should wear gloves.

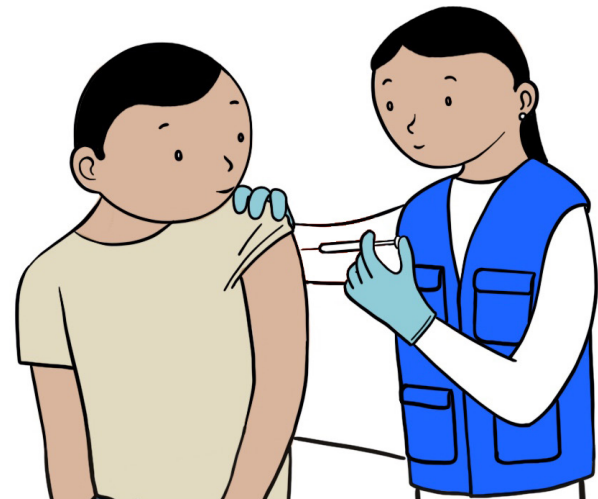


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**Getting tested and  
vaccinated for hepatitis B is ...  
Your Key to the USA.**

## What do I need to know about **Hepatitis B** Testing and Vaccination?

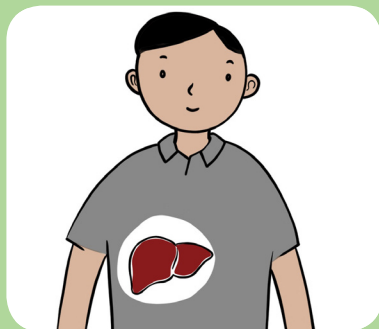


**The more you know about  
hepatitis B the better**



## 1. What is hepatitis B?

Hepatitis B is a liver disease, caused by the hepatitis B virus. It can stay in the body and cause serious health problems such as liver damage and liver cancer, which could lead to death.



## 2. How can you get hepatitis B?



You can get hepatitis B virus from contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person, including through unprotected sex and sharing needles/razors. And babies can get it from their infected mother at birth.

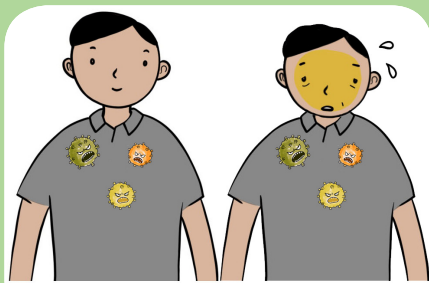
## 3. What are the symptoms of hepatitis B?

Many people with hepatitis B do not have obvious symptoms.

Signs and symptoms MAY include:

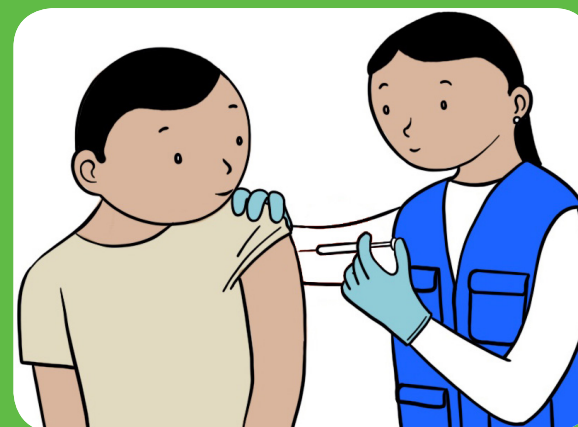
- tiredness
- diarrhea
- vomiting, jaundice (yellowish skin or eyes)
- pain in muscles, joints and stomach.

Even if you do not have symptoms, hepatitis B infection can still cause serious problems. A blood test is needed to know if someone has the disease.



## Hepatitis B testing and vaccination for US-bound refugees at IOM

- IOM will test your blood one time for all US-bound refugees for hepatitis B regardless of age.
- If the test for hepatitis B is positive, another type of test will be done to confirm the test result.



- If you do NOT have hepatitis B, IOM will offer you a vaccination to prevent you from getting it.

### If you DO have hepatitis B, IOM will:

- o teach you about hepatitis B, and recommend more medical checks, either before departure or after arrival to the US.
- o recommend that all your household members and/or sexual partners also get tested for hepatitis B, and if they are negative, receive the hepatitis B vaccination.
- o advise that babies of hepatitis B infected pregnant women should get vaccinated against hepatitis B the day s/he is born.
- o recommend that when you get to the US, you see a doctor every 6 months for the rest of your life about your hepatitis B - even if you feel normal.