

Promoting Hepatitis B Vaccination for Infants Born to Hepatitis B Infected Mothers During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

[When speaking to a hepatitis B infected mother]: I know there are a lot of fears and uncertainties for parents right now given COVID-19. As we are all being told to stay home to help stop the spread of disease, it is still recommended that parents continue to have their children receive vaccinations on time. It is the best way to keep them safe from many avoidable diseases.

Given that you have hepatitis B, your baby is at high risk of getting the hepatitis B virus which can lead to lifelong health problems. This is why it is important to make sure your baby receives the hepatitis B vaccine based on the recommended schedule. Your baby is at greater risk for disease when their vaccinations are delayed or missed. Your baby is due for their next dose of hepatitis B vaccine on ____/____/____.

[If you were able to speak to the provider in advance]: I have already spoken to your baby's doctor's office about your baby getting their next dose of hepatitis B vaccine. The clinic will be open to vaccinate your child... (*provide logistical details*) I would advise you to schedule an appointment for your baby to get the hepatitis B vaccine as soon as possible. Do you need any assistance with scheduling the appointment?

[If you were unable to speak to the provider in advance]: I would advise you to schedule an appointment with your baby's doctor as soon as possible to make sure your baby gets the hepatitis B vaccine. Call the clinic first to check for their hours, days of operation, and to find out how to safely travel to the clinic with your child. You might ask if they have other options to safely vaccinate their baby. For example, most clinics have times specifically for well-child visits and for vaccinating children who are not sick. If your baby's doctor's office is closed, I can help you find another option for where you can take your child to receive their vaccines.

[Guidance for staying safe when leaving home]: When you go to the clinic, wear a mask, do not touch your face or your child's face. Keep a distance of at least six feet between yourself and others. Before leaving the clinic and when you return home, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Bring and use hand sanitizer after touching surfaces in public and after leaving the provider's office. Be safe and stay healthy. Do you need any assistance with scheduling the appointment?

[Guidance For When A Family Member/Close Contact Has A COVID-19 Diagnosis]:

Persons infected with COVID-19 can be with others after:

- 3 days with no fever **AND**
- Symptoms have improved **AND**
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

It is important to remember that anyone who has close contact with someone with COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days after their last exposure. Contact the baby's doctor's office and ask the doctor's office to directly follow up with the family to make arrangements for an immunization appointment when they are no longer contagious. Determine when and how the family will bring the child in for their appointment. Remind the doctor's office to take precautions when bringing the baby in for an appointment, being mindful of not having them wait in the waiting room with others, because even though the family members are no longer contagious the baby could be even without symptoms.

Resource: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprevent-getting-sick%2Fwhen-its-safe.html

For additional information regarding the PHBPP, please go to www.michigan.gov/hepatitisB