

# County of San Diego Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program

## Parent/Guardian Information Sheet

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The **County of San Diego Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program (PHPP)** provides case management and support to local mothers, families, and medical providers with the goal of preventing perinatal, or mother-to-baby, transmission of Hepatitis B virus infection.

### During your pregnancy:

- Your provider will order **lab work** to test you for Hepatitis B
  - ◆ The recommendation is to be tested for Hepatitis B with each pregnancy, even if you have been tested during a previous pregnancy
- If we discover that a female is Hepatitis B positive and pregnant, they will be **enrolled** in our **free** program



### Once you are enrolled in our program, you can expect:

- A **phone call** from one of our nurse case managers
  - ◆ Initial phone call: gather information about your contacts, your providers, and provide education about Hepatitis B /our program
  - ◆ After initial phone call: an **introduction letter** will be mailed to you with some additional resources and the business card of your nurse case manager
  - ◆ Your nurse case manager will work with your birthing hospital and prenatal care provider to make sure your medical team is aware of your Hepatitis B status and is prepared to give your baby the proper vaccines needed at birth
- We also **encourage** you to reach out to your primary care doctor to see if they recommend you see a specialist for further evaluation and/or treatment

### After your baby is born:

- Your child will receive **Hepatitis B vaccine AND Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (HBIG) at birth**
  - ◆ Both should be administered within **12 hours of birth**, in **separate** limbs
  - ◆ Both the vaccine and HBIG are needed to help provide your baby **protection** against Hepatitis B
- Your child will then complete either a **3 or 4 dose Hepatitis B vaccine series** with their pediatrician
- **Post-vaccine serology testing (PVST)** will be ordered by your child's pediatrician once your child has received the appropriate number of vaccine doses at the correct times
  - ◆ PVST is blood work which consists of testing for two labs: **Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)** and **Hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs)**
  - ◆ These labs tell us whether your child is protected against and does not have Hepatitis B
  - ◆ If your child does not have enough immunity, your provider may need to revaccinate your child with additional doses and collect lab work again

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