



Universal Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Recommendation: Commitment to Prevention

National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit
April 2022

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What does this mean for communities?

The hepatitis B vaccine is now universally recommended for all adults aged 19-59, and adults 60 and older who have risk factors.

What this means...

- All adults aged 19-59 can receive the HBV vaccination with no cost-sharing.
- Financial and other systematic barriers to vaccine access will be eliminated for many adults.
- Access to the hepatitis B vaccine will increase; more providers will offer the vaccine, and it will be easier to get vaccinated.
- Health insurance coverage for the vaccine will improve.
- Progress toward our shared goal of eliminating viral hepatitis in the U.S. by 2030 will accelerate.
- Health disparities and new hepatitis B infections will be reduced.




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Educating the Community





- Many opportunities, but many challenges
- Challenges:
 - Awareness is low amongst patients AND providers
 - Current adult hepatitis B programs are built on previous risk-based recommendations
 - Funding
 - Adult Immunization information infrastructure is lacking
 - COVID-19

New Webinar:



**Universal Adult
Hepatitis B
Vaccination
Recommendations:
Updates and Policy
Impacts**

Monday, April 25th
3:00pm ET

    Association of Immunization Managers

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Educating the Community

- Opportunities:
 - COVID-19
 - Virtual Platforms
 - Many opportunities to collaborate with key stakeholders
 - Pharmacies
 - The implementation path has been paved by models
 - North East Medical Services
 - Hawai'i Health Department + Pharmacies



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What the Community Needs You to Know

- **Stigma & discrimination are persistent in communities impacted by hepatitis B**
 - Takes the burden off of patient
 - Highlight that this is a routine immunization for ALL adults
 - The link between hepatitis B and liver cancer
 - Collaboration with key community groups for those at higher risk
- **Reimbursement issues can be a challenge for providers**
 - Pharmacies vs clinics
 - Harm reduction
- **Be on the lookout for universal hepatitis B screening updates**
- **Educate other providers!**
 - Most providers are unaware of the new recommendations
 - Primary care is critical to getting the word out



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