

Fact Sheet

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Eligibility Criteria for Free Hepatitis A and B Vaccine

Toronto Public Health provides publicly funded hepatitis A and B vaccines at no cost for individuals that meet the following eligibility criteria. To order hepatitis A or B vaccines for high risk clients call 416-338-7790.

Hepatitis A Vaccine

Individuals eligible for hepatitis A vaccine at no cost include:

- Individuals with chronic liver disease (including hepatitis C)
- Individuals who use injection drugs
- Men who have sex with men

Hepatitis B Vaccine

Hepatitis B vaccine is free for grade 7 students as part of the school-based immunization program and for the following individuals:

- Infants born to carrier mothers
- Household and sexual contacts of acute cases and chronic carriers
- Individuals who use injection drugs
- Men who have sex with men and individuals with multiple sex partners or a history of a sexually transmitted infection
- Individuals awaiting liver transplants*
- Individuals on renal dialysis*
- Individuals with diseases requiring frequent receipt of blood products*
- A person who has had a needle-stick injury in a non-health care setting
- Individuals with chronic liver disease (including hepatitis C)
- Children six years old and younger whose families have immigrated from countries with a high prevalence of hepatitis B including:
 - Africa: All countries **except** Algeria, Egypt, Libya and Tunisia
 - Asia: All countries **except** Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka
 - Western Pacific: All countries **except** Australia, Guam, Japan and New Zealand
 - Middle East: Jordan and Saudi Arabia
 - Eastern Europe and Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
 - Western Europe: Malta
 - North America: Alaska Native populations and indigenous populations in Northern Canada and Greenland
 - South America: Amazonian areas of Brazil, Bolivia, Columbia, Peru and Venezuela

* Only the second and third doses of hepatitis B vaccine are provided at no cost by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care