

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS**  
**OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**ADULT HEPATITIS VACCINATION PROGRAM**

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide Hepatitis A and/or B vaccinations to adults at risk for acquiring hepatitis infection in clinical and non-clinical settings operating under the auspices of the Office of Public Health.

The Adult Hepatitis Vaccination Program is needed to:

- a. Stop the transmission of disease,
- b. Prevent infection from Hepatitis A and/or B and
- c. Decrease morbidity and mortality rates due to chronic Hepatitis A and B in Louisiana.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Adult Hepatitis Vaccination Program provides monovalent Hepatitis A and B vaccines, as well as TWINRIX (combination A and B) vaccines to individuals over the age of 19 years old, those usually not eligible to receive the vaccines under the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program, and that may have any one or a combination of the high risk factors listed below:

- Persons seeking evaluation or treatment for an STD
- Injection drug users (past or present)
- Bisexual men or men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Sexual contacts of “1” or “2” above
- Commercial sex workers
- Individuals who have multiple sex partners, as defined as more than one sex partner in the past six months
- Individuals known to have chronic liver infection
- Sex partners of a person known to have a chronic liver disease
- Individuals known to be infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- Household/Sexual contacts of HBsAg-positive persons

\*Individuals who have a chronic Hepatitis B infection or is considered high risk (see above), should receive Hepatitis A vaccination.

\* Individuals who have chronic Hepatitis A infection or is considered high risk (see above), should receive Hepatitis B vaccination.

**COMPLETION OF SERIES:** It is recommended that all staff review and note every patient’s vaccination status to avoid missed opportunities to initiate or complete the vaccine series. Additionally, it is important to dedicate certain times to give doses 2 and/or 3 during less busy clinic times so as not to discourage the client from returning due to lengthy wait times.