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**\*\*\*You MUST make an appointment with the Center for Health and Well-Being Immunization/Radiology/Laboratory Clinic to receive your required immunization/x-ray/blood draw. The appointment may be made by reaching the clinic at 803-777-9511. Please bring your records and this document with you for your scheduled appointment.**

**\*\*You must read the CDC Information on the Hepatitis B Vaccine located below prior to contacting the Clinic.**

### **CDC Information on Hepatitis B Vaccine**

#### **The Hepatitis B Vaccination Process:**

- The Hepatitis B process involved three shots. The second shot is given one month after the first shot, and the third shot is given five months after the second shot.
- It is very important to receive all three of the vaccines. This series gradually builds up the body's immunity to the hepatitis B virus. Complete immunity is not reached until all three vaccines are received.

#### **Who should NOT get hepatitis B vaccine?**

- Anyone with a life-threatening allergy to yeast, or to any other component of the vaccine, should not get hepatitis B vaccine. Tell your provider if you have any severe allergies.
- Anyone who has had a life-threatening allergic reaction to a previous dose of hepatitis B vaccine should not get another dose.
- Anyone who is moderately or severely ill when a dose of vaccine is scheduled should probably wait until they recover before getting the vaccine.
- Pregnant women who need protection from HBV infection may be vaccinated.

#### **Hepatitis B vaccine risks**

Hepatitis B is a very safe vaccine. Most people do not have any problems with it. The vaccine contains non-infectious material and cannot cause hepatitis B infection.

The following **mild problems** have been reported: Soreness where the shot was given (up to about 1 person in 4). • Temperature of 99.9°F or higher (up to about 1 person in 15).

Severe problems are extremely rare. Severe allergic reactions are believed to occur about once in 1.1 million doses. A vaccine, like any medicine, could cause a serious reaction. But the risk of a vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small. More than 100 million people have gotten hepatitis B vaccine in the United States.

#### **What if there is a moderate or severe reaction?**

Look for any unusual condition, such as a severe allergic reaction, a very high fever or behavior changes. Signs of a serious allergic reaction can include hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, and weakness.

#### **What should I do?**

If you think it is a severe reaction or other emergency, call 9-1-1, or get the person to a doctor right away. Tell your doctor what happened, the date and time it happened, and when the vaccination was given. • Ask your doctor, nurse, or health department to report the reaction by filing a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) form. Or you can file this report through the VAERS web site at [www.vaers.hhs.gov](http://www.vaers.hhs.gov), or by calling 1-800-822-7967. *VAERS does not provide medical advice.*