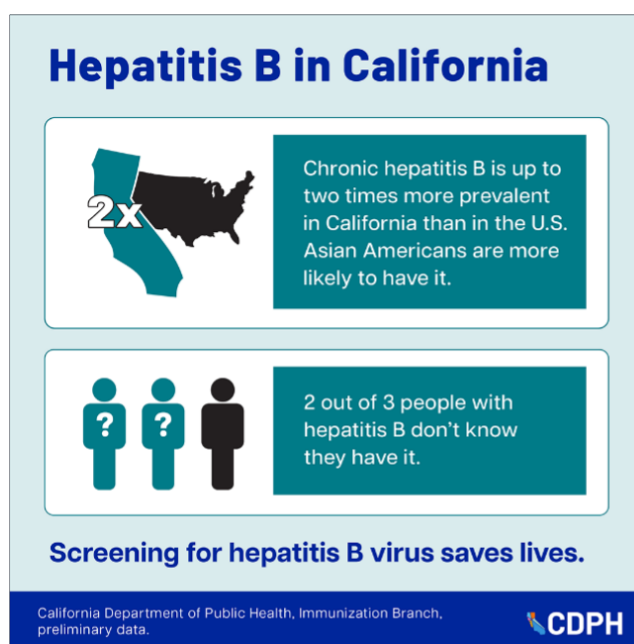


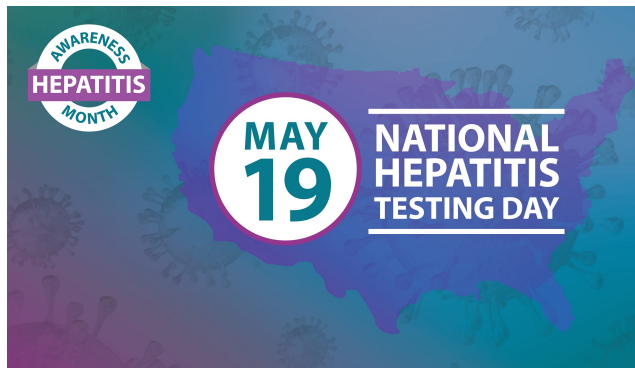
Latest Updates and Resources

Participate in Hepatitis Awareness and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month in May!



In California, there is a disproportionate burden of chronic hepatitis B, especially among those of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. [About 89% of adults living with chronic hepatitis B in California are Asian.](#) There are often no signs or symptoms of hepatitis B viral infection (HBV) until later when disease has progressed. People with HBV have an increased risk for liver cancer and cirrhosis, leading to possible liver failure and premature death.

Screening and vaccinating high-risk populations like Asian and Pacific Islander Americans can help decrease cases and reduce this racial health disparity. **Join us in May by increasing awareness of hepatitis B and strengthening vaccination among AAPI patients!**



What You Can Do:

- **Screen and test patients** – In 2022, [California](#) was the first state to mandate primary care facilities to offer [hepatitis B screening to adults](#). This helps providers understand vaccination status and provide early detection for treatment. CDC created National Hepatitis Testing Day, May 19 to encourage more providers to test and screen.
- **Administer hepatitis B vaccines** – CDC authorized [universal hep B vaccination for adults ages 19-59](#). Vaccination is the most effective way to protect against HBV infection.

See these additional resources for more information:

- [Immunization Branch - Hepatitis B Disease](#) (CDPH)
- [Asian Americans and Hepatitis B Quicksheet](#) (FDA)
- [Hepatitis B Vaccine Schedules](#) (Hepatitis B Foundation)
- [Strengthening Hepatitis B Prevention Webinar](#) (California Immunization Coalition)
- [Hepatitis Awareness Month Toolkit](#) (CDC)
- [Alan's Story with Hepatitis B](#) (ShotbyShot.org)

Measles Toolkit Now Available in Multiple Languages— Help Spread Awareness!

The [Measles Toolkit](#) is now available in Vietnamese, Tagalog, Hindi, Thai and Spanish, making vital information more widely accessible. Please use and share the social media tools in your networks to amplify awareness about the importance of measles vaccinations.

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