

## Hepatitis B: prevention and treatment

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LEDE: Experts say hepatitis B isn't a virus you need to worry about every day. But knowing how to avoid it, when to test for it, and when to vaccinate for it are key. Tim Ditman of OSF HealthCare has more.

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OSF gastroenterologist Doctor David Rzepczynski says hepatitis describes inflammation of the liver. It commonly spreads through bodily fluids, and a top symptom is yellow jaundice.

*SOUNDBITE: "There has been an aggressive program of initiating vaccines with kids to have protection. And when those [vaccines] are administered at a young age, it's a highly effective vaccination."*

I'm Tim Ditman.

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TAG: People who should test for hepatitis B include those from Africa and Asia, pregnant women, potential blood or organ donors, people with exposure to the virus and people getting chemotherapy.