

Hepatitis B is a virus that attacks the liver. The Hepatitis B virus is transmitted through contact with blood or body fluid of an infectious person, and is commonly acquired either perinatally, by sexual contact, by non-sexual close contact or by exposure to infectious fluids. Vaccination is the best way to prevent Hepatitis B. The Hepatitis B vaccine is a subunit vaccine containing Hepatitis B Surface Antigen produced by recombinant DNA technology. It is safe and highly effective.

Students must provide evidence of completed course of Hepatitis B vaccines (dates vaccines were given) and a copy of positive serology (Surface Antibody (HBsAb) levels equal to or greater than 10mIU/ml).

What is the Vaccine Schedule?

Different vaccination schedules are recommended for different age groups/settings:

- For infants: birth dose, then at 2, 4 and 6 months of age
- Under the age of 20 years: standard 3 paediatric dose schedule at 0, 1 and 6 months from 1st dose.
- For adolescents aged 11–15 years: a 2 dose schedule using adult formulation vaccine at 0 and 6 months after first dose. **When submitting your evidence for this schedule, please submit dose 3 with the same document so we can verify that a 3rd dose is not required.**
- Over the age of 20 years: standard 3 adult dose schedule at 0, 1 and 4 months from 1st dose.

How do I find my evidence for Vaccines?

You can provide several forms of evidence:

- A copy of your Baby/Immunisation Booklet outlining the dates of vaccines
- Letter from GP outlining dates of vaccines
- Document from the [Australian Childhood Immunisation Register](#) (ACIR) or the Vaccination Information and Vaccination Administration System (VIVAS) database.

Contact details for ACIR and VIVAS is on the [Fit for Placement](#) website.

What is Serology?

Serologic tests are blood tests that look for antibodies in your blood.

Do I need to provide a copy of my Serology?

Yes, you must submit a copy of your Serology showing that you have immunity.

What do I do if my Serology shows I am not immune after completing a full schedule of Vaccines?

Contact the Fit for Placement Office to discuss. The Fit for Placement Office will advise on the next steps.

For more information you can contact the Fit for Placement Office on: 07 5552 9480 or fitforplacement@griffith.edu.au

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