

Appendix 1: PHU Checklist for hepatitis B cases

Contact the patient's clinician to:

Obtain patient's history
Confirm results of laboratory tests

Assist patient's clinician to contact the patient to:

Confirm onset date and symptoms of the illness
Recommend exclusions and restrictions
Identify contacts and obtain contact details
Review vaccination status
Complete jurisdictional Hepatitis B Disease Case Questionnaire Form
Provide with Hepatitis B Information Sheet

Contact Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to:

Verify immunisation status for children born in or after 1996, noting that many children born from around 1992 have an AIR record – especially those born in 1995 and 1994. Children born before the introduction of the universal infant hepatitis B vaccination program may have been vaccinated as part of the adolescent program, but their vaccination would not be recorded on AIR.

Confirm case:

Assess information against case definition

Assist patient's clinician to contact patient's contacts to:

Assess risk of hepatitis B
Determine current symptoms
Recommend testing and prophylaxis or not
Explain symptoms and restrictions
Provide with Hepatitis B Information Sheet

Other issues:

For a death, report details to state/territory communicable disease branch
Assess and arrange best method for delivering information and interventions to contacts
Enter case data onto notifiable diseases database