

FAQ

1. Can't I get hepatitis B from sharing food and drinks or hugging people?

No, hepatitis B can ONLY be transmitted through sexual contact, from mother to baby and by blood to blood contact.

Casual contact such as hugging and kissing as well as sharing food is not a risk for hepatitis B.

2. If I have hepatitis B I will feel sick and have yellow skin

No, these symptoms indicate that there is a lot of liver damage and a person has had hepatitis B for a long time. The earlier hepatitis B is diagnosed the better health outcomes will be. A blood test is the only way to know whether or not you have hepatitis B.

3. What does it mean for someone to be a healthy carrier of hepatitis B

There is no such thing as a healthy carrier of hepatitis B and this terminology is very outdated. If a person has hepatitis B there is always a risk for liver damage and regular monitoring with a doctor is important.