

## **La Crosse County Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program**

The La Crosse County Health Department (LCHD) in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services provides a case management program for pregnant women who have been identified as being surface antigen (HBsAg) positive for Hepatitis B. The purpose of the program is to ensure that steps have been taken to prevent transmission of hepatitis B virus from the mother to infant. LCHD works with local hospitals to identify pregnant women. Once identified, a public health nurse contacts the woman and provides education and recommendations. In addition, the public health nurse works with the clinic and birth hospital to ensure appropriate steps are taken to prevent transmission.

### **Preventing Perinatal Transmission of Hepatitis B Virus Guidelines**

- Universal HBsAg screening of all pregnant women each pregnancy.
- Case management of HBsAg positive women and their infant(s).
- Provision of immunoprophylaxis to infants born to infected women, including hepatitis B vaccine and hepatitis B immunoglobulin (HBIG) within 12 hours of birth.
- Routine vaccination of all infants with the hepatitis B vaccine series, beginning with the first dose administered at birth, prior to hospital discharge.

### **Resources for the Public**

- [Hepatitis B Information for the Public](#)
- [When a Pregnant Woman Has Hepatitis B Factsheet](#)
- [Hepatitis B and a Healthy Baby](#) (audio-visual slide set in several languages)

### **Resources for Health Professionals**

- [Hepatitis B Information for Health Professionals: Perinatal Transmission](#)
- [Wisconsin Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Manual](#)

