

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