KNOW THE **FACTS ABOUT**

HEPATITIS B

Hepatitis B is a virus that can lead to liver disease or liver cancer if left untreated and is **more common in Africa and Asia.**

Getting tested for hepatitis B is the **only way to know if you have hepatitis B.**

There is highly effective treatment for hepatitis B which allows you to prevent liver disease and live a normal life. This treatment is provided by a doctor.

Most people who have hepatitis B have not been tested because they are **asymptomatic and are therefore unknowingly infected and can pass it to family and others.**

A safe and effective vaccine exists to prevent hepatitis B infection. It is usually given at birth or as a child. If you are unsure about whether you have received it, a blood test can be performed to know whether you need it or not.

If you have a question about hepatitis B or have been diagnosed with hepatitis B, you can contact the HBV-COMSAVA team at:

hbv.comsava.bcn@gmail.com

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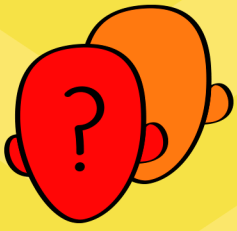
WHEN TO GET TESTED

YOU SHOULD GET TESTED FOR HEPATITIS B I**F YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT YOUR HBV STATUS**, INCLUDING:

If you have travelled back to Africa recently and are not vaccinated.

If you have a family member who has hepatitis B.

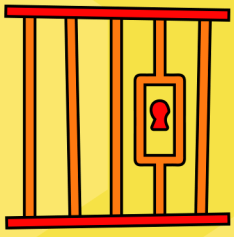
If you have ever received surgery.



If you have engaged in unprotected or risky sex.

HIV

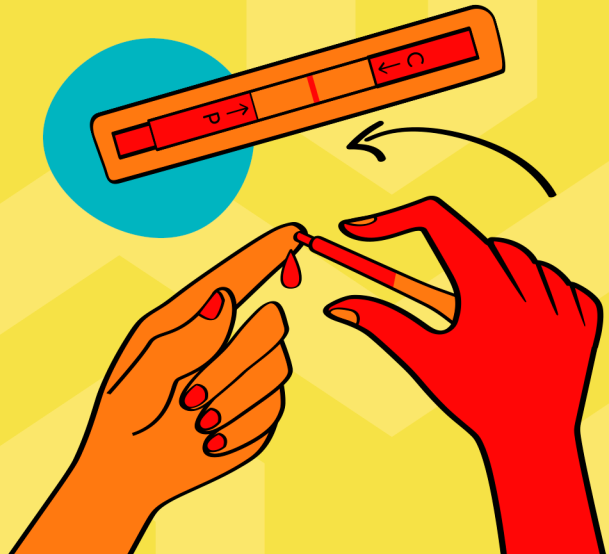
If you have an HIV diagnosis.



If you have ever been in prison.

WHERE TO GET TESTED

GETTING TESTED FOR HEPATITIS B INFECTION REQUIRES A BLOOD SAMPLE TO TEST FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE VIRUS IN THE BLOOD AND CAN BE DONE **AT YOUR PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR'S OFFICE.**



Ask your local community organization if they can help locate a place for you to get tested.

Local organizations or NGOs oftentimes offer free hepatitis B testing at their centres and some organizations can travel to your community centre to test you.

HEPATITIS B TESTING RESULTS ARE ALWAYS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.