June 26, 2019

**Vaccine and Follow-up Serology Schedule**

RE (BABY):

D.O.B.:

Mother:

Hospital:

Dear Dr.      :

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services received a report that the baby listed above was born to a HBsAg-positive mother. Exposed infants that do not receive appropriate prophylaxis and a full vaccine series are at increased risk for acquiring chronic hepatitis B. Timely vaccination is essential for exposed infants as they remain at risk for acquiring hepatitis B from long-term interpersonal contact with their infected mothers.

As a local health care provider you play an integral part in the prevention of hepatitis B virus transmission. As the pediatrician on record, we will be contacting you to request dates of hepatitis B vaccine and follow-up serology for infants exposed to hepatitis B. The recommended hepatitis B vaccination schedule for exposed infants is birth, one month of age, and six months of age. The post-vaccination serology (HBsAg and Anti-HBs) can be done between 9 and 12 months of age (or 3 months after third dose of vaccine).

According to the above hospital, the baby received hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) and hepatitis B vaccine dose #1 on      . Please follow the schedule referenced above to complete the additional vaccine doses and post vaccination testing. You may be contacted in the future so that we may ensure the exposed infant has received the necessary vaccine doses in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ###-###-####.

Sincerely,

Name, Title

Organization