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The Maine CDC continues to recommend the hepatitis B birth dose and completion of the three-dose series, in line with [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), the [American Medical Association](#), the [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#). The science supports timely vaccination as a vital public health measure, ensuring that all infants receive immediate protection, which is a critical safety net essential to protecting the health of our youngest and most vulnerable population. As has been the routine practice since 1991, the hepatitis B birth dose offers a proven, safe, and dependable layer of protection – not only against undetected maternal infections, but also against potential exposure from caregivers or household members with undiagnosed hepatitis B.