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*"To improve the health of our communities by identifying sustainable solutions to community health issues,  
developing partnerships for implementation of strategies, and demonstrating our success through measurement of outcomes."*

## HEALTH ALERT NETWORK HEALTH DISTRICT 4

Information for all Clinicians and Support Staff

**Please circulate to all clinical and support staff as soon as possible.**

### PERINATAL HEPATITIS B PREVENTION PROGRAM MOVED TO IDAHO STATE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

March 3, 2010

The *Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program*, formerly administered through Central District Health Department (CDHD), is now housed at the Idaho Immunization Program, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. The goal of the program is to prevent pregnant females with acute or chronic hepatitis B (HBsAg-positive) from transmitting the infection to their infants.

Acute or chronic hepatitis B is a reportable disease according to the "Rules and Regulations Governing Idaho Reportable Diseases" (IDAPA 16.02.10). Positive cases need to be reported to CDHD for investigation, contact tracing, and education. CDHD will report pregnant females with acute or chronic hepatitis B to the *Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program*. The Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Coordinator for Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley counties will ensure that appropriate measures are taken to reduce or prevent the risk of disease transmission to infants.

Specific questions about the *Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program* should be directed to:

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**NOTE:** Lab confirmed cases of acute or chronic hepatitis B should be reported within one working day to the Office of Communicable Disease Control at: phone (208) 327-8625 or fax (208) 327-7100 or (208) 327-8554.

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