

Hepatitis B

Educational Resources for

African Communities

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Introduction to ASC and its Hepatitis B Program

- ASC is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and self-sufficiency of the African community in New York City and beyond by offering health, housing, legal, educational, and social services.
- Since viral hepatitis is endemic to 8-20% of the African continent, ASC's HBV program aims to increase access to free education, testing, treatment, and linkage to care for viral hepatitis to reduce liver cancer deaths among African immigrants



ALL WELCOME

**ARE YOU AN IMMIGRANT?
NEED HELP?
NOT SURE
WHERE TO GO?
LET AFRICAN SERVICES COMMITTEE HELP YOU**

▪ Health Screening Blood Glucose, TB, Blood Pressure, STI, HIV, hepatitis B/C	▪ Legal Services Immigration, Family Benefits, + more
▪ Navigation to Affordable Medical Care	▪ LGBTQ Support + Job Readiness
▪ Case Management	▪ Housing Assistance
▪ Maternal + Infant Health Education	▪ Food Pantry + Nutrition
▪ English as a Second Language	▪ Mental Health Services



French, Spanish, English + many African languages

Free or Low Cost Services
Medical Eligibility Requirements May Apply
Legal Services: A consultation fee with a licensed attorney applies unless eligibility requirements are met.

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ASC's Hepatitis B Program during COVID-19

- ASC temporarily closed March-June 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and re-opened on July 6th, 2020
- Since reopening, ASC has resumed on-site Hepatitis B screenings. However, testing rates have declined significantly in comparison to those pre-pandemic
- Between July 6th, 2020 and April 2021, ASC has:
 - Tested a **total of 134 clients** (about **13 clients per month**) for Hepatitis B. All positive clients were linked to care; susceptible clients were offered the Heplisav 2-dose vaccine at ASC or opted to use their own provider for vaccination; immune clients were notified of their results; isolated core-antibody positive clients were provided relevant counseling on Hepatitis B reactivation
 - Hosted **2 testing events** at community places of worship/centers where **13 clients** were tested
 - Hosted **2 educational workshops** in English and French on Hepatitis B virtually and in-person for a **total of 28 participants** (with two more scheduled for the upcoming months)



Understanding the Basics of Hepatitis B **Comprendre les éléments essentiels de l'hépatite B**

Tuesday, March 30, 2021
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Presented in English

Le Mardi 30 Mars 2021
14 h 00 - 14 h 45
Présenté en Français

Register and join us through Zoom:
<https://forms.gle/FVqQUb81Hrg7EvCv6>

Inscrivez-vous et rejoignez nous sur Zoom :
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In this webinar, you will learn:

- What is hepatitis B?
- Symptoms of hepatitis B
- How is it transmitted?
- Testing and protection against hepatitis B

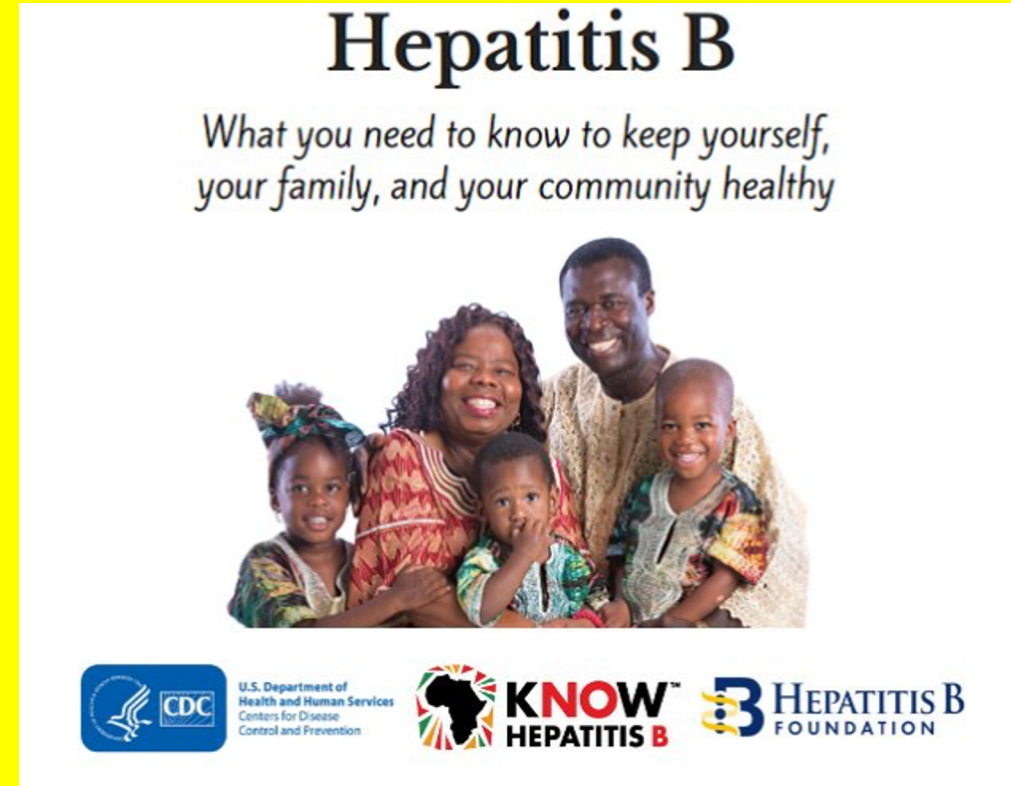
Dans ce webinaire, vous apprendrez :

- Qu'est-ce que l'hépatite B ?
- Les symptômes de l'hépatite B
- Comment se transmet-elle ?
- Le test et la protection contre l'hépatite B

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ASC's use of the CDC's Know Hepatitis B resources

- ASC staff have used the CDC's Know Hepatitis B resources for the content presented in the monthly webinar/workshop on understanding Hepatitis B
- ASC staff also use the resources to answer common misconceptions and concerns of clients regarding Hepatitis B during 1:1 counseling sessions
- ASC staff find the resources easy and helpful to explain concepts regarding Hepatitis B to clients
- ASC staff appreciate the real-life experiences highlighted in the resources (ie: Bright's video on his experience with Hepatitis B). ASC has shown the video during the monthly webinar/workshops on Hepatitis B
 - A video on a French, Wolof, Bambara, or Mandingo speaker's experience living with Hepatitis B would also be appreciated because the vast majority of our clients speak these languages



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Future Plans

- As COVID-19 cases decrease and continue to stabilize, ASC will:
 - Increase community outreach to encourage clients to come to the office for testing
 - Resume off-site community outreach and testing events
 - Distribute the CDC's Know Hepatitis B resources to clients when they get tested
 - Continue to host educational workshops and webinars on Hepatitis B and these resources will be available online for reference in English and French



Thank you!



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