

## **HBsAg CARRIER MOTHER. DISCHARGE INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

Dear family, the purpose of this letter is to inform you that, during your stay in our centre, your baby received the first dose of the hepatitis B vaccine, as well as a simultaneous dose of HBV-specific gamma globulin. This procedure was applied during the first 12 hours of life, in line with established recommendations for the prevention of perinatal transmission of the hepatitis B virus infection.

We would also like to inform you that in order to ensure your child is properly immunised, he/she should receive three additional doses (included in the hexavalent vaccine administered at 2, 4 and 11 months of age) according to the Lifetime Immunisation Schedule currently in force in the Region of Murcia (<https://www.murciasalud.es/web/vacunacion/calendarios-de-vacunacion>). You can get more information on this topic at your local Health Centre.

If you have decided to breastfeed your baby, you can rest assured that the status of hepatitis B carrier does not prevent you from breastfeeding safely, so there is no reason why you should not do so.

By following this immunisation schedule, we can reduce the infection transmission risk to the lowest possible levels. In any case, we would advise doing a serologic test that includes HBsAg and HBsAc at your local health centre when your baby is about one year old (1-3 months after the 11-month vaccine). This test is to verify that there has been no transmission and that there has been an adequate antibody response after vaccination.

Please show this document at your first check-up appointment with your paediatrician at your health centre to ensure your baby can be monitored correctly.

We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on becoming a mother.

Warm regards,

Murcia Health Service  
Vaccination Programme