# **Any Lab Test Now**

# **HEPATITIS B (IMMUNITY ONLY)**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The hepatitis B surface antibody is the antibody that is produced in response to hepatitis B surface antigen, a protein present on the surface of the hepatitis B virus. This appears after convalescence from acute infection and lasts for many years.

It can also be produced in response to the hepatitis B vaccination.

#### WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?

Those at a higher risk of exposure to hepatitis B virus include:

- Infants born to infected mothers
- Sexual partners of infected persons
- Individuals with more than 1 sex partner in the last 6 months
- Individuals with a history of sexually transmitted infection
- Injection drug users
- Healthcare and safety workers who have contact with blood and body fluids
- Individuals who have lived or traveled in an area in which hepatitis B is common

#### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY LAB TEST RESULTS?**

Results are typically available in 3 to 5 business days.

### AM I REQUIRED TO FAST FOR THIS LAB TEST?

No. You do not need to fast for this test.

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