**Subject line:** Updated CDC Policy for Universal Hepatitis B Vaccination in Adults

Dear Team,

In April 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a universal recommendation to vaccinate all adults (19–59 years) against hepatitis B.1\*

Hepatitis B remains a major public health concern in the United States.2,3 While the 1991 pediatric policy helped decrease rates of hepatitis B in children, adults are still vulnerable and cases are on the rise.4 To combat the growing number of hepatitis B cases, the CDC now recommends universal hepatitis B vaccination in eligible adults.1,5

In order to increase vaccination rates, please begin identifying all adults recommended for hepatitis B vaccination in accordance with the CDC’s updated universal policy.1\* We will also be updating our EHR system to comply with the policy and help you and your team identify adult patients recommended for vaccination against hepatitis B.

Sincerely,

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\*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends hepatitis B vaccination for all adults aged 19 through 59 years and adults 60 years or older with risk factors for hepatitis B. Adults who are 60 years or older without known risk factors may also receive vaccination.1

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