Laotian – For Pregnant Women with Hepatitis B
Evident and probable fetal cases are identified and reported to the health department. What can parents do if a baby is born with hepatitis B and no symptoms? The baby may have had no symptoms of the disease, but his or her newborn blood test may show that the baby has hepatitis B. What should parents do if a mother has hepatitis B? If a mother has hepatitis B, she is at risk for passing the virus to her baby. To avoid this risk, the mother should be tested for hepatitis B before her pregnancy or during pregnancy. The baby may be born with no symptoms of the disease. What are the signs of hepatitis B in newborns? The baby may have no symptoms of the disease, but his or her newborn blood test may show that the baby has hepatitis B. What should parents do if a baby is born with hepatitis B and symptoms? If a baby is born with hepatitis B and symptoms, the baby should be treated with a medicine called interferon, which helps the baby fight off the disease. What are the signs of hepatitis B in newborns? The baby may have no symptoms of the disease, but his or her newborn blood test may show that the baby has hepatitis B.