

It's the Law: Reporting Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI)

What to Report

You are required **BY LAW** to report to Public Health Services the following adverse events that may occur following immunization.

Serious Adverse Events

Report within 1 working day
Any serious reaction that:

- Is life-threatening — e.g., anaphylaxis, Guillain-Barré Syndrome
- Causes or prolongs hospitalization \geq 24 hours
- Results in permanent disability or congenital malformation
- Is fatal

Other Adverse Events

Report within 5 working days

- Neurological events including febrile and afebrile convulsions
- Associated events where medical attention is required
- Events where consideration must be given to postpone or contraindicate future immunizations
- Unexpected events with no alternative explanation

What NOT to Report

Do not report minor expected reactions such as localized tenderness, as outlined in the product monograph, unless they are more severe or more frequent than expected.

How to Report

1. Consult your district Public Health Services office to determine if an AEFI form should be completed.
2. If required, download and complete the AEFI form: www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/im/aefi-form-eng.php
3. Send the completed form to your local or district Public Health Services office.

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