What to Report

Following immunization, you are required **BY LAW** to report the following adverse events that may occur to Public Health.

### 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 ≥ 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 local Public Health office to determine if an AEFI form should be completed.
3. Send the completed form to your local Public Health office.

Primary care providers can access the Special Immunization Clinic (SIC) as an additional resource. Following immunization, adults and children who experience potentially severe adverse events such as suspected allergic events, Arthus reaction or nodule at the injection site, neurological symptoms, hypotonic hyporesponsive episodes or persistent crying for >3 hours and who require further immunizations may be referred to the SIC for evaluation by an infectious disease specialist or allergist, as appropriate. Referrals may be faxed to 902-470-7232, Attention: SIC. For more information about the SIC, please contact sicnurse@iwk.nshealth.ca or call the SIC nurse at 902-470-7859.