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POST IN: Emergency Department and Physicians Lounge

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RE: Reporting of Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs)

Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs) refer to any unwanted or unexpected health effects that happen after someone receives a vaccine, which may or may not be caused by the vaccine. Reporting AEFIs allows Public Health to monitor vaccine safety and is required by the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

As of May 1, 2018, all health care providers must report AEFIs for [all vaccines authorized for use in Canada](#). Criteria for reportable AEFIs are [provided by Public Health Ontario](#). Note that some mild events (e.g. fever not accompanied by other symptoms, vasovagal episodes) do not need to be reported.

AEFIs can be reported using the [reporting form](#) from Public Health Ontario. Please provide as much information as possible, including a list of all vaccines received prior to and potentially associated with the AEFI. Please fax completed forms to 905-825-8797.

Please report all suspected or confirmed cases of [Diseases of Public Health Significance](#) (formerly Reportable Diseases) to the Halton Region Health Department as soon as possible. Diseases marked * should be reported immediately by telephone (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) or fax (Mon-Fri, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm only). Other diseases can be reported the next working day. Dial 311, 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866. For general information, please visit www.halton.ca/physicians. To sign up for important updates by email, visit www.halton.ca/physicianupdates.

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<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/healthy-living/canadian-immunization-guide-part-4-active-vaccines.html>

https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/AEFI_factsheet_healthcare_providers.pdf

https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Report_Adverse_Event_Following_Immunization_Form_fillable_2013.pdf

<http://www.halton.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8310&pageId=71922>