

January 29, 2021

To: Medical Health Officer
Public Health Nurse Managers
Immunization Coordinators
Immunization Providers

Re: **Reporting of Adverse Events Following Immunization with Publicly Funded Vaccines is Legislated in Saskatchewan**

Dear Colleagues:

Reporting of Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFIs) following the administration of publicly funded vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines, is a legal obligation under *The Public Health Act, 1994*.

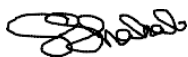
The AEFI reporting process below is outlined in the *Saskatchewan Immunization Manual* chapter 11 Adverse Events Following Immunization

(<https://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/Manuals/Documents/sim-chapter11.pdf>):

1. AEFI reports for publicly funded vaccines must be completed by a healthcare provider, even if they did not administer the vaccine. The link to the reporting form is:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/reporting-adverse-events-following-immunization.html>.
 - a. The national AEFI User Guide document is available for consultation at:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/reporting-adverse-events-following-immunization/user-guide-completion-submission-aefi-reports.html>.
2. The completed report forms must be submitted in a timely manner to the local public health Medical Health Officer (MHO) for review and further recommendation.
 - a. **Completed COVID-19 AEFI reports are to be submitted within 24 hours.**
 - b. A provincial COVID-19 AEFI expert review group is conducting AEFI report reviews and providing **recommendations**.
 - c. MHOs can contact the Ministry of Health for local AEFI reviews, please indicate this request in the MHO recommendation section.
3. Public Health submits the reviewed AEFI report form to the Ministry of Health.
4. The Ministry of Health de-identifies the report and submits it to the Public Health Agency of Canada for national surveillance.

Thank you for sharing this document with your staff and immunizer colleagues.

Sincerely,



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cc: Nick Doulias, Executive Director, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch