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TO: Medical Health Officers
Public Health Nurse Managers
Immunization Coordinators
HealthLine
Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch

Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association
Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals
Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons
Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses
Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan

Re: Reporting of COVID-19 Vaccine Adverse Events of Special Interest – Updated

Dear Colleagues:

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) requires reporting of specific Adverse Events of Special Interest (AESI) following immunization with any COVID-19 vaccine using the national Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) reporting form **in section 9d**, available at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/reporting-adverse-events-following-immunization.html>.

To complete AEFI reports, refer to the *Saskatchewan User Guide for Completion and Submission of Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) Reports* at <https://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/Manuals/Documents/SK%20AEFI%20User%20Guide.pdf>. Local public health is to inform the Ministry of Health of these AESIs immediately upon notification.


Please assess patients/clients for their history of COVID-19 immunization within the past 28 days upon their presentation to you and document on their medical chart, etc.

COVID-19 vaccine AESIs to be reported immediately to local public health as AEFIs:

1. Thrombotic events including:
 - a. Pulmonary embolism
 - b. Venous thromboembolism (VT) e.g., deep vein thrombosis (DVT), phlebitis, thrombophlebitis
 - c. Stroke (if it is possible to confirm if the stroke was embolic or hemorrhagic, please specify)
 - d. Limb ischemia
 - e. Abdominal thrombosis (such as adrenal vein thrombosis, portal/mesenteric vein thrombosis)
 - f. Cerebral venous thrombosis
2. Hemorrhagic disease or bleeding disorders (including, for example, abnormal uterine bleeding warranting urgent care)
3. Thrombocytopenia
4. Other coagulation or blood disorders:
 - a. Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)
 - b. Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)
 - c. Complement disorders

Please share this letter with other healthcare partners as appropriate.

Sincerely,



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