

## **Durham Region Health Department** FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals

## Report of Adverse Event Following **COVID-19 Vaccine**

In Ontario health care professionals are required by law to report adverse events following immunization (AEFI) to their local health unit within seven days of becoming aware of a reportable event. As COVID-19 vaccines are being administered across the province, Public Health Ontario has updated the AEFI Reporting Form to reflect COVID-19 Adverse Events(s) of Special Interest (AESI).

## **Monitoring Adverse Events**

**Advise** – When administering any vaccine, advise patients to contact you if they experience an adverse event following immunization.

**Report** – If your patient reports an adverse event to you, complete the updated Report of Adverse Event Following Immunization Report Form (see also www.durham.ca/hcp).

For information on AEFI case definitions, please see the updated Appendix B: Provincial Case Definitions for Diseases of Public Health Significance

Contact – Call Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) at 905-668-7711 ext. 6242 to report the AEFI and fax the Report of Adverse Event Following Immunization Report Form to 905-666-6214.

Reporting AEFIs provides vital information to monitor vaccine safety and supports the success of immunization programs across Ontario. If you are uncertain if an AEFI should be reported, complete the reporting form and contact DRHD.

For further information on AEFIs, please visit Public Health Ontario.

For information on COVID-19 Vaccines, including guidance for Adverse Events of Special Interest for COVID-19 Vaccines Surveillance, please visit Public Health Ontario's webpage on COVID-19 Vaccines.

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