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## Annual Report on Vaccine Safety in Ontario

The Annual Report on Vaccine Safety in Ontario, 2017 is now available. This report aims to provide relevant and timely information about the safety of vaccines administered in the province to support health care professionals, reassure the public and build confidence in immunization. The report can be found at <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/annual-vaccine-safety-report-2017.pdf>

According to the report, serious events after vaccinations are **very rare**, about 3 in every 1 million doses distributed.

### Quick Facts:

- Most people who receive vaccines experience no side effects; however, in some people, vaccines can cause minor events such as low-grade fever, pain or redness at the injection site, from which they quickly recover.
- An adverse reaction or event is an unwanted or unexpected health effect that happens after someone is vaccinated. It may or may not be caused by the vaccine.
- Continued surveillance of adverse events following immunization (AEFI) in Ontario is needed to monitor vaccine safety and to further understand geographic variations and under-reporting within the surveillance system (Public Health Ontario, 2017).
- Use the interactive Vaccine Surveillance Safety Tool to explore and download vaccine safety surveillance data in Ontario.

<http://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/DataAndAnalytics/pages/aeafi.aspx>

Report AEFIs to the Durham Region Health Department by completing a copy of the **Ontario Report of Adverse Event Following Immunization** form available on [Durham.ca/HCP](http://Durham.ca/HCP) (under forms tab). This form can be faxed to 905-666-6216.

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