

# COVID-19 Update for General Practice

## 21st of October 2021

### Reporting of COVID-19 Vaccination AEFI



#### AEFI reporting

An adverse event following immunisation (AEFI) is a notifiable condition under the NSW Public Health Act (2010). All uncommon, unexpected, or serious AEFI or any event considered by the clinician to be significant following immunisation must be notified.

Note: Note: [non-serious expected AEFIs](#) do not require reporting.

Non-serious expected AEFIs include common expected temporary reactions such as:

- Low-grade fever
- Injection site reaction not requiring additional interventions
- Myalgia or lethargy resolving in 24 to 48 hours

#### HealthPathways

The Immunisation team at the Public Health Unit (PHU) have updated the health pathway for reporting AEFIs [Hunter New England HealthPathways](#) and [Central Coast HealthPathways](#)

#### When to report to the Public Health Unit

- All AEFIs for children <18 are to be reported to the PHU
- The PHU is to be notified of **Serious and/or unexpected AEFI that resulted in hospitalisation** and will investigate please refer to [COVID-19 vaccine: Enhanced surveillance and adverse event reporting guidelines](#)

##### Hunter New England:

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| Email | <a href="mailto:HNELHD-PopHealthAEFI@health.nsw.gov.au">HNELHD-PopHealthAEFI@health.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| Phone | (02) 4924 6477 or 1300 066 055   |

##### Central Coast:

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| Email | <a href="mailto:CCLHD-GOS-AEFIPHU@health.nsw.gov.au">CCLHD-GOS-AEFIPHU@health.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| Phone | (02) 4320 9730 (option 2) or 1300 066 055  |

#### When to report to Therapeutics Goods Administration (TGA)

All **uncommon and unexpected AEFIs (not resulting in hospitalisation)** should to go straight to the TGA via

- the online [Adverse Event Reporting Portal](#), or
- in writing using the [AEFI reporting form](#) (post or email)

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| Email | <a href="mailto:adr.reports@tga.gov.au">adr.reports@tga.gov.au</a>            |
| Mail  | Therapeutic Goods Administration<br>PO Box 100<br>Woden ACT 2606<br>Australia |

Note: If the TGA receives a notification that they would like PHU investigation on they will refer it back to the PHU.

#### Clinical Software Templates for reporting

Medical practices using the Best Practice or Medical Director software can download and install templates to their software to create Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) reports. Completed reports can be emailed or posted to the TGA (you can also use these forms to report to the PHU) [Reporting adverse events using General Practitioner software](#)

#### COVID-19 Education: AEFIs

Here is a link to the recording of the webinar the PHN held in August regarding AEFI [Who, What, Why and How of COVID Adverse Events Following Immunisation \(AEFI\)](#)

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS DIRECTLY RELATING TO COVID-19 VACCINE ROLL OUT? CONTACT US ON OUR DEDICATED EMAIL ADDRESS: [VACCINE@THEPHN.COM.AU](mailto:vaccine@thepnh.com.au)**