Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI)

Under the Nova Scotia Health Protection Act, Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) must be reported to public health.

If a patient experiences an adverse event following immunization, please complete the AEFI FORM and contact your local public health office. These AEFI instructions can assist you to complete this form. Visit chapter 8 of the NS Immunization Manual for further information on AEFI reporting.

Public Health Agency of Canada collects case reports on adverse events following immunization from provincial and territorial health departments, health care professionals and the pharmaceutical industry.

The data is stored in the Canadian Adverse Events Following Immunization (CAEFI) database and is used to signal adverse events that may require more in-depth investigation. Canadian Adverse Events Following Immunization Surveillance System (CAEFISS) monitors AEFIs to ensure the safety of vaccines on the Canadian market.