**ADVERSE EVENTS FOLLOWING VACCINATION**

Adverse events have been reported following the administration of all vaccines. These events range from frequent, minor, local reactions to extremely rare, severe, systemic illness.

More complete information on adverse reaction to a specific vaccine may be found in the **ACIP** recommendations for each vaccine.

Events that occur after receipt of vaccine purchased with public (federal, state, and/or local government) funds must be reported on the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (**VAERS Form)** by the administering health provider. There are three ways to report to VAERS, <http://vaers.hhs.gov/esub/index>:

1. Report Online via a secure website at [https://vaers.hhs.gov/esub/step1](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6543a3.htm)
2. Report by Fax: Download the VAERS form, [http://vaers.hhs.gov/resources/vaers\_form.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5911a1.htm), and review the instructions for completing the VAERS paper form, [http://vaers.hhs.gov/helpinstructions](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6422a3.htm). Fax a completed VAERS form to 1-877-721-0366, or
3. Report by Mail: Download the VAERS form, [http://vaers.hhs.gov/resources/vaers\_form.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6441a3.htm), and review the instructions for completing the VAERS paper form, [http://vaers.hhs.gov/helpinstructions](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf). Mail a completed VAERS form to:Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System

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To ensure that the Kentucky Immunization Program is aware of these events, please fax a copy to 502-564-4760.

Refer to the [VAERS Table of Reportable Events Following Vaccination](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6441a3.htm) or the [Pink Book](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6225a3.htm) for additional vaccine information and information regarding adverse events that are required to be reported.

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