

VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM (VAERS)

WHAT IS VAERS:



The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (**VAERS**) is a national program, managed by the Centers for Disease Control (**CDC**) and Prevention and Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**), that monitors the safety of all U.S.-licensed vaccines.



VAERS reports are **not** validated. Reports may contain incomplete or inaccurate information and should not be interpreted as evidence of a causal relationship between a vaccine and an adverse event.

WHY IS VAERS IMPORTANT:



VAERS is an **early-warning** system that monitors vaccine safety. It collects reports from healthcare providers, manufacturers, and the public, giving the **CDC** and **FDA** vital information to identify concerns and protect public health.



Reporting adverse events does not imply causation but contributes to **ongoing vaccine safety and monitoring**.

WHO SHOULD REPORT TO VAERS:



Healthcare providers are required by law to report to VAERS:

- Any adverse event listed in the **VAERS** Table of Reportable Events Following Vaccination that occurs within the specified time period after vaccinations.
- An adverse event listed by the vaccine manufacturer as a contraindication to further doses of the vaccine.



Healthcare providers are strongly encouraged to report to VAERS:

- Any adverse event that occurs after the administration of a vaccine licensed in the United States, whether it is or is not clear that a vaccine caused the adverse event.
- Vaccine administration errors.

HOW TO REPORT TO VAERS:



You can **submit** a report online here: [VAERS - Report an Adverse Event](https://vaers.hhs.gov/data/index).



Alternatively, you can use the **writable PDF** form here: [VAERS - Download / Upload a Writable PDF Form](#).

HOW TO ACCESS VAERS DATA:

- **VAERS** data can be downloaded at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/data/index> or searched at <http://wonder.cdc.gov/vaers.html>.

For **VAERS**-related questions, please contact the **Division of Immunization** at: 804-864-8055.