
POLICY FOR REPORTING VACCINE ADVERSE EVENTS FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATION

The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) is a national vaccine safety surveillance program. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program is a separate program designed to compensate individuals or families of individuals, who have been injured by childhood vaccines. Reporting an event to VAERS does NOT file a claim for compensation.

PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS

When the recipient of an immunizing agent is known to have experienced a problem that was serious enough to involve a visit to a physician, hospital or health care facility within 30 days after the immunization, that event is to be reported to the Immunization Program as soon as possible on Form 3034 (Rev.11-90). A reproduction of Form 3034 is included in this section.

The original Form 3034 should be mailed immediately to the Georgia Immunization Program. Copies may be sent to the District Health Unit as established by the district health authority. It is no longer necessary to send VAERS Reports to the Immunization Program Field Staff.

**Georgia Immunization Program
2 Peachtree Street, NW, Room 13-476
Atlanta, GA 30303**

**Phone 404-657-3158
FAX 404-657-1463**

VAERS Reports alleging a death temporally associated with immunization should be FAXED **immediately** to the Immunization Program. An autopsy report should be sent to the Immunization Program as soon as it is available.

After evaluation of the VAERS Report(s) by the Immunization Program staff, it may be necessary to communicate with the person who completed the form to request additional information.

PRIVATE CLINICS and COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Private physicians should report adverse events on Form VAERS - 1 directly to:

**VAERS
P. O. Box 1100
Rockville, MD 20849-1100**

**Phone 1-800-822-7967 ext. 214
FAX 301-217-9660**

Private physicians may also submit vaccine adverse event data securely via the internet at www.vaers.org

★ATTENTION ALL CLINICS★

Do not send any reports directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).