

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Screening & Immunization	SUBJECT: Reactions to Immunization Agents	SECTION: D POLICY: 2
DATE: July 12, 2022 REVISION DATES: October 2023	Administrator's Signature: _____ <i>J. M.</i>	
	IPAC Lead's Signature: _____ <i>L. Coppola, RN.</i>	

REACTIONS TO IMMUNIZATION AGENTS

POLICY:

Any reaction to an immunization agent is recognized as a "reportable event" and will be reported to the Medical Officer of Health by the Medical Director, DNPC, or IPAC Lead.

PROCEDURE:

Reportable events are defined as:

- Persistent crying or screaming, anaphylaxis, or anaphylactic shock occurring within 48 hours following the administration of an immunizing agent
- Shock-like collapse, high fever, or convulsions occurring 3 days after the administration of an immunizing agent
- Arthritis occurring within 42 days after the administration of an immunizing agent
- Generalized urticaria, residual seizure disorder, encephalopathy, encephalitis, or any other significant occurrence occurring within 15 days after the administration of an immunizing agent
- Death occurring any time following any of the above-named symptoms

The Nurse will:

- 1) Report any of the above reactions as soon as possible to the Medical Director, IPAC Lead, and DNPC.
- 2) Record all details of this assessment in the health record.

The Medical Director or designate will:

- 1) Report the reaction by filling out the applicable provincial health authorities' Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) reporting form and sending it to local Public Health Unit.

Any Staff experiencing a reaction will:

- 1) Report the reaction to the IPAC Lead and/or DNPC.
- 2) Seek follow-up care from their personal physician.