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The length of time between vaccine administration and onset of symptoms must fall within a particular time frame for the event to be considered an “adverse event following immunization”. Temporal criteria guidelines available for certain events and commonly used vaccines are given in the table below, from Health Canada and IMPACT information.

	DTaP IPV Td Hib Tdap	MMR	Varicella	Hepatitis B	Pneumococcal Meningococcal	Influenza
High Fever	0 - 72 hours	5 - 14 days	5 - 14 days	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours
Site cellulites or abscess	0 – 7 days	0 – 7 days	0 – 7 days	0 – 7 days	0 – 7 days	0 – 7 days
Adenopathy	0 – 7 days	5 – 30 days				
Allergic reactions	0 – 30 days	0 – 30 days	0 - 42 days	0 – 30 days	0 – 30 days	0 – 30 days
Rash	0 – 7 days	5 -30 days	0 – 42 days	0 – 7 days		
Anaphylaxis	0 - 24 hours	0 - 24 hours	0 - 24 hours	0 - 24 hours	0 - 24 hours	0 - 24 hours
Hypotonic-hyporesponsive Episode (HHE)	0 - 48 hours	0 - 48 hours	0 - 48 hours	0 - 48 hours	0 - 48 hours	0 - 48 hours
Excessive somnolence	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours
Screaming/crying episode	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours	0 - 72 hours
Seizure (febrile or afebrile)	0 - 72 hours	5 - 30 days	5 – 42 days	0 - 72 hours	0 – 72 hours	0 - 72 hours
Encephalopathy, acute CNS event, Encephalitis	0 – 7 days	5 - 30 days	5 – 42 days	0 – 15 days	0 – 15 days	0 – 15 days
Aseptic meningitis		5 - 30 days	0 – 42 days	0 – 15 days	0 – 15 days	0 – 15 days
Guillain-Barré syndrome	0 – 30 days	0 - 30 days	0 - 42 days	0 - 30 days	0 - 30 days	0 - 30 days
Severe vomiting/diarrhea	0 - 72 hours	5 - 30 days	0 – 42 days	0 – 7 days		
Thrombocytopenia	0 - 30days	0 - 30 days	0 - 30 days	0 - 30 days	0 - 30 days	0 - 30 days
Arthritis/arthritis		0 - 30 days				
Parotitis/orchitis		5 -30 days				
Acute paralytic syndrome	0 – 30 days	5 -30 days	5 – 42 days	0 – 30 days	0 – 30 days	0 – 30 days