Once a vaccine is approved for use, its safety is continually monitored through both active and passive surveillance systems. 

The system works!

**HERE’S HOW**

**What is an Adverse Event?**
An adverse event following immunization (AEFI) is any untoward medical occurrence following the administration of a vaccine which may or may not be caused by the vaccine.

If your client informs you of an adverse event following immunization (AEFI), determine if it meets reporting criteria.

Refer to Part 5 of the BC Immunization Manual. If the AEFI is reportable, submit a completed AEFI Case Report Form to Public Health.

**With each level (local, provincial, national and global), there is greater ability to detect any vaccine safety concerns.**

**LOCAL**
A local Medical Health Officer or designate reviews the report and determines whether the client can proceed with future immunizations.

**PROVINCIAL**
The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) monitors reports from around the province.

**NATIONAL**
The Canadian Adverse Event Following Immunization Surveillance System (CAEFISS), overseen by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) monitors reports from across Canada.

**GLOBAL**
The World Health Organization receives and reviews vaccine safety information from PHAC and many other countries.

If vaccine safety concerns are found, there is further investigation and action is taken if needed.

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