

July 20, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccine: UPDATE - Allergy Assessment and Referral Update

If a patient you have seen has had an allergic reaction to a COVID-19 vaccine, it is recommended to request a referral for allergy assessment for guidance on future doses of the vaccine by faxing a referral to the appropriate allergy clinic, according to age, to either:

The Allergy Clinic of Health Sciences Center at (204) 940-2223, **OR**
The Pediatric Allergy Department of Children's Hospital at 204-787-5040.

Please include the following information in the referral request:

- Brand of COVID-19 vaccine
- 1st or 2nd dose
- Details of the reaction

Manitoba COVID-19 Vaccine: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Immunizers and Health Care Providers has been updated online at <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/healthcare-professionals.html>.

Report adverse events following (AEFI) immunization, as per www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/aefi.html#rrp. In accordance with Section 59 of The Public Health Act, health care providers are to report a reportable AEFI within seven days of becoming aware of the AEFI. Furthermore, health care providers should report a serious AEFI within one business day, which can be by telephone, followed by the complete written report within 72 hours.

Thank you for your assistance in arranging assessment of these patients.

Sincerely,



Richard Baydack, PhD
Director
Communicable Disease Control



Tim Hilderman, MD FRCPC
Medical Lead, Vaccines
Communicable Disease Control

cc. Allergy and Clinical Immunology