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Immunization Regulation Newsletter

[Public Health Act - Immunization Regulation](#)

Happy New Year Health Practitioners

As a summary, in December, 2018 the Alberta government introduced requirements to standardize practices for all immunization providers, regardless of whether a vaccine is provincially funded or privately purchased. As of December 17, 2018:

- Health practitioners shall ensure that adverse events following immunization are reported to Alberta Health Services within 3 days of becoming aware.
- The Regulation also sets out requirements for the storage, handling and transportation of vaccines

As of January 1, 2021, this Regulation will require health practitioners to ensure a report respecting immunizations and assessments is electronically submitted to Alberta Health within 7 days. Of note, retroactive reporting will be accepted but is not required unless a new immunization assessment is completed.

One of the options that Alberta Health is working on is a standalone mechanism that will facilitate the electronic submission of the immunization and assessment event information from health practitioners to the provincial immunization repository (Imm/ARI) through a web browser (web application). Alberta Health will be testing the web application and is looking for volunteers who provide immunization services year-round, to help evaluate the web application. If you are interested in participating in the web application test pilot, please contact our team at Health.Imm@gov.ab.ca by January 31st, 2020.

For more information regarding how health practitioners can meet the requirements set out in the *Immunization Regulation*, please refer to the documents below which can be found at the following link <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-immunization-policy.aspx>.

1. [Alberta Immunization Policy](#) - The Alberta Immunization Policy (AIP) outlines the policies for administering provincially funded immunizations in Alberta and has information to help understand immunization reporting requirements.
2. [Alberta Immunization Regulation](#) – PDF of the Regulation
3. [Alberta Vaccine Storage and Handling Policy for Provincially Funded Vaccine](#) - Provides vaccine cold chain storage and handling management guidelines for Alberta immunizers who provide provincially funded vaccine.
4. [Immunization Reporting By Electronic Means](#) – This policy describes how immunization reports are to be submitted electronically to Imm/ARI.

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