

# The VAERS Project

## Patient VAERS Report Information Sheet

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Adverse Event Started: \_\_\_\_\_

Symptoms of Adverse Event: \_\_\_\_\_

VAERS Report Confirmation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

VAERS Report Made By: \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter/Facility Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-Up Care & Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Share this sheet and a copy of the VAERS report with all your healthcare practitioners and have them add it to your health history.**

### Frequently Asked Questions

- VAERS is the national adverse event reporting system and is an important part of vaccine safety science.<sup>1</sup>
- VAERS is passive, meaning it needs help from patients and providers to ensure reports are made. Patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers are all encouraged to report to VAERS.<sup>1</sup>
- Reports should be made any time a patient has an unexpected health issue or, *adverse event*, after vaccination. The report does not mean that the issue is related to the vaccine. The CDC & FDA ask that all adverse events are reported.<sup>1</sup>
- By reporting all adverse events, VAERS scientists can look for rare side effects that can only be found when the vaccine is used in the large population after clinical trials. VAERS also helps make sure that manufacturing and handling doesn't impact certain vaccines or batches. It also can help identify administration errors.<sup>1</sup> VAERS serves a very important purpose.
- Keep a copy of this sheet and the report for your records.<sup>2</sup>
- Only one report needs to be made,<sup>3</sup>
- If needed, you or your provider, can submit more information to VAERS after the initial report. If you didn't get a copy of your report, you may be able to get one from VAERS by calling (800) 822-7967 or [info@vaers.org](mailto:info@vaers.org) or the FDA.<sup>2</sup>
- Individuals who have been injured or deceased as the result of a vaccine injury may be eligible for compensation through the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program or the Countermeasure Injury Compensation Program. Petitions for compensation are time sensitive. Get more information from your provider or by visiting [injurycompensation.hrsa.gov](http://injurycompensation.hrsa.gov)

1. Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. (n.d.). About VAERS: Background and Public Health Importance. Retrieved September 3, 2022, from <https://vaers.hhs.gov/about.html>

2. VAERS. (n.d.). Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Retrieved September 3, 2022, from <https://vaers.hhs.gov/faq.html>

3. Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. (n.d.). VAERS Data. Retrieved September 3, 2022, from <https://vaers.hhs.gov/data.html>

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