

# VACCINE POINTS

“Vaccine Points” is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question:

Which of the following, if any, is/are **required** to be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS)? Select all that apply.

- a) Guillain Barre Syndrome 8 weeks after Fluzone
- b) Thrombocytopenic purpura 15 days after MMR
- c) Fever of 105°F within 48 hours after DTaP
- d) Intussusception 3 weeks after RotaTeq
- e) Encephalopathy 3 days after DTaP
- f) None of the above

Answer: b, d, e

The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) requires healthcare providers to report:

- Any adverse event listed by the vaccine manufacturer as a **contraindication** to further doses of the vaccine; or
- Any adverse event listed in the VAERS Table of Reportable Events Following Vaccination that occurs within the specified time period after vaccination

Thrombocytopenic purpura (7 – 30 days) for Measles in any combination; MMR, MMRV and Encephalopathy or encephalitis (7 days) for Pertussis in any combination; DTaP, Tdap, DTaP-IPV, DTaP-IPV/Hib, DTaP-HepB-IPV are on the VAERS Table of Reportable Events Following Vaccination.

A history of intussusception is listed by both rotavirus vaccine manufacturers as a **contraindication** to further doses of the vaccine.

GBS within 6 weeks of an influenza vaccination and Fever of 105°F within 48 hours of a pertussis containing vaccine are both *precautions* to further vaccination.

Source: Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) <http://vaers.hhs.gov/professionals/index>  
Information for Healthcare Professionals: <http://vaers.hhs.gov/resources/>  
Table of Reportable Events Following Vaccination: [http://vaers.hhs.gov/resources/VAERS\\_Table\\_of\\_Reportable\\_Events\\_Following\\_Vaccination.pdf](http://vaers.hhs.gov/resources/VAERS_Table_of_Reportable_Events_Following_Vaccination.pdf)  
Immunization Action Coalition Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Package Inserts: <http://www.immunize.org/packageinserts/>

