

# 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) Administration error: administration of DTaP instead of Tdap
- b) Vasovagal syncope 3 days after administration of MCV4
- c) Chronic arthritis 1 month after administration of MMR vaccine
- d) Shoulder injury related to administration of varicella vaccine reported two days post-vaccination
- e) Anaphylaxis 6 days after administration of hepatitis B vaccine
- f) All of the above
- g) None of the above

<https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html>

Source:

VAERS is a national early warning system to detect possible safety problems in U.S. licensed vaccines. VAERS is co-managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Healthcare professionals are **required by law** to report to VAERS:

- Any adverse event listed in the VAERS Table of Reportable Events Following Vaccination that occurs with the specified time period after vaccinations
- An adverse event listed by the vaccine manufacturer as a contraindication to further doses of the vaccine

Health care professionals are strongly **encouraged** to report to VAERS:

- Any adverse event that occurs after the administration of a vaccine licensed in the U.S., whether it is or is not clear that a vaccine caused the adverse event
- Vaccine administration errors

b, d: The VAERS Table of Reportable Events Following Vaccination, effective date March 21, 2017 lists for all injectable vaccines:

- Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration within 7 days
- Vasovagal syncope within 7 days

c, e: Chronic arthritis within 42 days for rubella vaccine and anaphylaxis or anaphylactic shock within 7 days are both listed on the Reportable Events Table.

b, c, d, e

Answer:

