

COVID-19 Post-Immunization Symptom Screener for Clients/Residents

Decision Support Tool for Clinical and Non-Clinical Staff



Observing or reporting client/resident signs of adverse reaction to immunizations for **Fast Track Clinical Assessments**.

When a client/resident is post-immunization **and being observed for 15 minutes** (or applicable time period).



Any serious immunization reactions are likely to occur during the first 15 minutes:

- **Anaphylaxis is a rare, but a serious, life-threatening allergic reaction.**
- Anaphylaxis needs to be treated immediately.
- Some reactions could occur several hours after immunization.

Note: The Immunizer or appropriate delegate must stay onsite and in close proximity until all clients/residents have passed their 15 minute (or applicable time period) post-immunization observation time.

Some signs/symptoms of an immunization reaction that could be observed or reported *include:*



- Changes in skin colour



- Difficulty breathing
- Fast breathing and/or shortness of breath



- Hives/rash



- Swelling in or around the mouth/throat



- Feeling dizzy



- Agitation or restlessness



- Vomiting and/or retching
- Nausea



- Fainting, passing out or sleeping deeply



- Having a seizure or *reports* feeling like they're about to have a seizure

Fast Track

Fast track to an Immunizer or appropriate delegate (Nurse, Primary Care Provider or Pharmacist) for immediate assessment.

The Immunizer will assess the individual and decide if medication needs to be given and 911 needs to be called.



If an individual states they are **feeling unwell in any way** or their health status appears to change, notify an Immunizer or appropriate delegate immediately.

References:

BCCDC Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2; Immunization, Part 3 – Management of Anaphylaxis in a Non-Hospital Setting, Moderna Product Monograph.