

Immunization Reporting by Electronic Means

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Immunization Reporting Specified by the Chief Medical Officer

To support health practitioners in meeting the immunization reporting requirements set out in *the Immunization Regulation* sections 2(1), 3(1) and 4(1), this policy outlines the electronic means specified by the Chief Medical Officer. The following policy is to support the *Immunization Regulation* (the “**Regulation**”) and is not intended to be a complete summary of the *Immunization Regulation*. In the case of any inconsistency or uncertainty between the following and the *Immunization Regulation*, the *Immunization Regulation* must be followed.

Immunization Reporting to the Chief Medical Officer

A health practitioner must submit a report by electronic means specified by the Chief Medical Officer, in each of the following situations:

1. A health practitioner who conducts an assessment with the intention of immunizing the patient following the assessment shall ensure that a report is submitted to the Chief Medical Officer, in the circumstances set out in the Regulation.
2. A health practitioner who immunizes a patient shall ensure that a report respecting the immunization is submitted to the Chief Medical Officer.
3. A health practitioner who, in the course of an immunization or an assessment conducted with the intention of immunizing the patient following the assessment, receives a complete written record respecting a past unreported immunization shall ensure that a report respecting the past unreported immunization is submitted to the Chief Medical Officer.

Direction specified by the Chief Medical Officer

The Chief Medical Officer specifies that all immunization reports described above must be submitted electronically to the Provincial Immunization Repository (Imm/ARI) no later than 7 days after the immunization, as outlined in the Regulation, by either:

1. Reporting to Imm/ARI through the health practitioner’s electronic medical record system (System to System – EMR dependent).
 - a. If health practitioners are using an electronic medical record system, they may wish to speak with their vendor to learn about the medical record system’s ability to report immunization information directly into Imm/ARI.
2. For immunization service providers who are using either paper records or electronic medical records not capable of integrating with Imm/ARI, reporting can be done through the Alberta Health web page into Imm/ARI using a local web browser (Direct Submission – independent of the EMR used)
 - a. Alberta Health is in the development phase of an immunization reporting web site. This site will be available starting on January 1, 2021 in accordance with the *Immunization Regulation*.

For questions related to this policy contact:

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References

Government of Alberta. (2018). Public Health Act, *Immunization Regulation*, Alberta Regulation 182/2018. http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2018_182.pdf.

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