## Interim Post-Vaccination Considerations for K-12 Schools

### Table 1: Considerations for Persons with Systemic Signs and Symptoms Pre- and Post- COVID-19 Vaccination

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<tr>
<th>Recommended Infection Prevention and Control Strategies</th>
<th>Status of Individual (student or staff) with Systemic Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 Infection&lt;sup&gt;1, 2&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>Received COVID-19 Vaccination in the prior 3 days (including day of vaccination, which is considered Day 1)&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
<th>Partially&lt;sup&gt;4&lt;/sup&gt; or Fully&lt;sup&gt;5&lt;/sup&gt; Vaccinated</th>
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<tr>
<td>Exclude from School</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>Conduct Clinical Evaluation</td>
<td>YES Refer to Exclusion Guidance Decision Tree: Box A - Assessment of Symptomatic Persons.</td>
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<td>Perform COVID-19 Test</td>
<td>YES NOT Recommended – if less than 90 days (3 months) from last positive test.</td>
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<td>YES – if symptoms do not improve and persist for more than 2 days. Not Recommended - if symptoms resolve within 2 days.</td>
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<td>YES – if SARS-CoV-2 test Positive: Stay home at least ten calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND with improvement of symptoms.</td>
<td>YES – if SARS-CoV-2 test Positive.</td>
<td>NOT Recommended – if less than 90 days (3 months) from last positive test.</td>
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*Notes:
1. Symptoms unlikely to be from COVID-19 vaccination<sup>1</sup> (e.g., fever (100.4°F or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste/smell)
2. Symptoms may be vaccine related, possible COVID-19, or other unrelated illness<sup>2</sup> (e.g., chills, headache, myalgia, arthralgia, fatigue)
3. Afebrile
4. Partially vaccinated
5. Fully vaccinated
6. If SARS-CoV-2 test Positive: Refer to Row A in Exclusion Guidance Decision Tree. If SARS-CoV-2 test Negative: Refer to Row B in Exclusion Guidance Decision Tree.

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If SARS-CoV-2 test Negative: Refer to Row B in Exclusion Guidance Decision Tree.*
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<th>Recommended Infection Prevention and Control Strategies</th>
<th>Status of Asymptomatic Individual</th>
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<td><strong>Place in Quarantine if named as a Close Contact to a Known Case of COVID-19</strong></td>
<td><strong>Unvaccinated</strong></td>
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| YES – if no history of previous positive test for SARS-CoV-2; or if greater than 90 days (3 months) from last positive test. | YES – if no history of previous positive test for SARS-CoV-2; or if greater than 90 days (3 months) from last positive test. | NO - if they meet all the following criteria:  
- Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)  
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure  
- Note: Testing is recommended immediately (but not earlier than 2 days after the exposure) and, if negative, again 5–7 days after the exposure  
- Contact should wear a mask when around others for 14 days following the exposure. | YES – if they do not meet all of the above criteria. |
| No -- if Test-to-Stay protocol has been approved for school/situation, and both case and close contact were consistently and correctly masked when exposure occurred | No -- if Test-to-Stay protocol has been approved for school/situation, and both case and close contact were consistently and correctly masked when exposure occurred |  |  |
| Not Recommended – if less than 90 days (3 months) from last positive test. | Not Recommended – if less than 90 days (3 months) from last positive test. |  |  |

1 Presence of ANY systemic signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection (e.g., cough, shortness of breath, rhinorrhea, sore throat, loss of taste or smell) or another infectious etiology (e.g., influenza) that are not typical for post-vaccination signs and symptoms.
2 Signs and symptoms that may be from either COVID-19 vaccination, SARS-CoV-2 infection, or another infectious etiology (e.g., fever of 100.4 or higher, fatigue, headache, chills, myalgia, arthralgia). For symptomatic persons who are close contacts to a COVID-19 case, isolate, send home, and refer for testing and clinical evaluation.
3 Must be afebrile for at least 24 hours to return to work.
4 Person receiving the first dose of a two-dose vaccine series OR person receiving one dose of a single-dose vaccine or the second dose in a 2-dose series AND is <2 weeks following receipt of the last dose in the series.
5 Person receiving one dose of a single-dose vaccine OR the second dose in a 2-dose series AND is ≥2 weeks following receipt of the last dose in the series.
6 If performed, a negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test in a person who has signs and symptoms that are typical for COVID-19 infection should be confirmed by SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), e.g., RT-PCR test.
7 Individuals who are close contacts to COVID-19 case should follow quarantine guidelines; symptomatic close contacts should be tested for COVID-19.

Resources:
- How to Assess and Respond to Post-vaccination Signs and Symptoms in Employees
- Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People
- Public health recommendations for vaccinated persons
- CDC: Post-vaccination Considerations for Workplaces