

# Shelter Staff: Assessing Post-Vaccination Signs and Symptoms

Post-vaccination side effects are common and expected. Some side effects like arm soreness, pain, or redness is common following a vaccination. But other symptoms may be difficult to distinguish from a real SARS-CoV-2 infection, the virus that causes COVID-19.

Use this guide to help make triage decisions for isolation/quarantine or referral to Operation Comfort for residents who report being vaccinated within the last 3 days.

<p>1. <b>Assess resident:</b> Have they had close contact with someone with COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks? (Close contact is defined as 15 minutes within 6 feet cumulatively over 24 hours, with or without mask.)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Follow <b>Recommendation A</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No → Continue to question 2</p>
<p>2. Does the resident have one or more of these symptoms?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Loss of taste</li> <li>b. Loss of smell</li> <li>c. New unexplained cough</li> <li>d. New shortness of breath</li> <li>e. Sore throat</li> <li>f. Unexplained running nose</li> <li>g. Diarrhea</li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Follow <b>Recommendation A</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No → Continue to Question 3</p>
<p>3. Does the resident have one or more these symptoms?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fever</li> <li>b. Fatigue</li> <li>c. New unexplained headache</li> <li>d. Chills</li> <li>e. Body Aches</li> <li>f. Nausea/vomiting</li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Continue to Question 4  <input type="checkbox"/> No → Follow <b>Recommendation B</b></p>
<p>4. Are <b>all</b> the symptoms improving or getting better?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Follow <b>Recommendation B</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No → Continue to Question 5</p>
<p>5. Have any of the symptoms been continuous and lasting more than 48 hours?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Follow <b>Recommendation C</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No → Follow recommendation B</p>

Recommendation A	Recommendation B	Recommendation C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolation/Quarantine is recommended</li> <li>• Refer to Operation Comfort if unable to isolate effectively elsewhere</li> <li>• Contact HCH (Kari: 415-535-3297)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not refer to Operation Comfort.</li> <li>• Reassess at 2-3 days if necessary.</li> <li>• Continue Comfort Measures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Medical Provider</li> </ul>