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.

1. **Assess resident:** 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.)
   - ☐ Yes → Follow Recommendation A
   - ☐ No → Continue to question 2

2. Does the resident have one or more of these symptoms?
   - a. Loss of taste
   - b. Loss of smell
   - c. New unexplained cough
   - d. New shortness of breath
   - e. Sore throat
   - f. Unexplained running nose
   - g. Diarrhea
   - ☐ Yes → Follow Recommendation A
   - ☐ No → Continue to Question 3

3. Does the resident have one or more these symptoms?
   - a. Fever
   - b. Fatigue
   - c. New unexplained headache
   - d. Chills
   - e. Body Aches
   - f. Nausea/vomiting
   - ☐ Yes → Follow Recommendation A
   - ☐ No → Follow Recommendation B

4. Are all the symptoms improving or getting better?
   - ☐ Yes → Follow Recommendation B
   - ☐ No → Continue to Question 5

5. Have any of the symptoms been continuous and lasting more than 48 hours?
   - ☐ Yes → Follow Recommendation C
   - ☐ No → Follow recommendation B

### Recommendation A
- Isolation/Quarantine is recommended
- Refer to Operation Comfort if unable to isolate effectively elsewhere
- Contact HCH (Kari: 415-535-3297)

### Recommendation B
- Do not refer to Operation Comfort.
- Reassess at 2-3 days if necessary.
- Continue Comfort Measures.

### Recommendation C
- Contact Medical Provider