Guidance for Students Who Have Signs or Symptoms After COVID-19 Vaccination

A

Signs and symptoms possibly related to vaccination (occurring within 3 days of vaccination: vaccine is DAY 1)

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Pain or other reactions at the injection site

B

Signs and Symptoms NOT considered related to vaccination and possibly related to COVID-19 infection:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell

Signs or symptoms after vaccine

YES

Are all possibly related to vaccine?

YES

ALL signs and symptoms are on List A

Fever (≥100° F)

YES

Exclude from school until at least 24 hours after fever breaks without fever-reducing medicine (such as Tylenol, or ibuprofen), and a SARS-CoV-2 test is negative. In this situation, this can be accomplished with either a PCR or antigen test.

- If fever continues > 2 days, consider medical evaluation

NO

Symptoms lasting >2 days? (excluding injection site reactions)

YES

Exclude from school pending negative PCR or antigen test result

- Test for SARS-CoV-2.
- Consider medical evaluation
- Return to school based on test results, other testing as indicated (such as influenza), how the individual is feeling, and current local protocols

NO

May return to school when able.
No testing required.

NO

At least one post vax sign/symptom that is not on List A

Neither list A nor B

Not related to COVID infection OR vaccination

- Exclude from school per existing local school protocols (i.e. non-COVID guidance)
- Consider healthcare evaluation

List B

Possibly related to COVID infection

- Exclude from school per existing school exclusion and testing guidance as if the vaccination had not occurred