FIVE KEY QUESTIONS FOR ASSESSING CHILDREN AND TEENS

COVID-19 VACCINE SIDE EFFECTS

DECISION TREE FOR SCHOOL SETTINGS

Q1: WAS THE STUDENT VACCINATED WITHIN THE LAST 5-7 DAYS FOR COVID-19, AND ARE THEY PRESENTING WITH SYMPTOMS OF A SARS-CoV-2 INFECTION?

- YES, the student has these symptoms.
- NO, the student does not have these symptoms.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include but are not limited to: shortness of breath, cough, rhinorrhea, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell.

Q2: ANY SYMPTOMS OF HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTION OR SIGNS OF INJECTION SITE REACTION?

- YES, the student has these symptoms.
- NO, the student does not have these symptoms.

Vaccine side effects may include: urticaria, pain, anaphylaxis, swelling, or redness at the injection site.

Q3: DOES THE STUDENT HAVE SYMPTOMS THAT COULD BE FROM EITHER A COVID-19 VACCINE REACTION, SARS—COV-2 INFECTION, OR OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES?

- YES, the student has these symptoms.
- NO, the student does not have these symptoms.

SYMPTOMS MAY INCLUDE: fever, headache, chills, myalgia, and arthralgia.

Q4: HAS THE STUDENT HAD A KNOWN EXPOSURE TO SARS-CoV-2 IN THE PRIOR 14 DAYS?

- YES, contact has happened, track student’s symptoms.
- NO, track student’s symptoms and answer Q5.

Q5: HAVE THE STUDENT’S SYMPTOMS GOTTEN WORSE OR PERSISTED FOR MORE THAN TWO DAYS?

- YES, the student has worse or persistent symptoms consistent with a SARS-CoV-2 infection.
- NO, the student’s symptoms were resolved within 2 days.

Fever, if present, should be resolved without the use of fever reducing medications for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION AFTER VACCINATION

If a student is feeling well enough to attend and has not been exposed to SARS-CoV-2, they can participate in activities after receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. Continue to follow policies concerning fever exclusions if temperature screenings are used.