

# Post Vaccine Considerations for Residents

Resident Signs and Symptoms	Suggested Approach	Additional Notes
<p><u>Signs and symptoms unlikely to be from COVID-19 vaccination:</u></p> <p>Presence of ANY systemic signs and symptoms consistent with SARS-CoV-2 (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.</p>	<p>Evaluate for possible infectious etiologies, including testing for SARS-CoV-2 and/or other pathogens, as appropriate.</p> <p>Pending evaluation, these residents should be placed in a single person room (if available) and cared for by healthcare personnel wearing all PPE recommended for residents with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection. They should not be cohorted with residents with confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection unless they are also confirmed to have SARS-CoV-2 infection through testing.</p> <p>Criteria for when Transmission-Based Precautions may be discontinued depend on the results of the evaluation.</p>	<p>If performed, <u>a negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test in a resident</u> who has signs and symptoms that are not typical for post-vaccination signs and symptoms should be confirmed by SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT).</p> <p>Further information on testing is available here: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/index.html</a></p>
<p><u>Signs and symptoms that may be from either COVID-19 vaccination, SARS-CoV-2 infection, or another infection:</u></p> <p>Presence of ANY systemic signs and symptoms (e.g., fever, fatigue, headache, chills, myalgia, arthralgia) that are consistent with post-vaccination signs and symptoms, SARS-CoV-2 infection, or another infectious etiology (e.g., influenza).</p> <p>Fever in long-term care settings is defined as a single measured temperature of 100.00F (37.8oC) or higher or repeated temperatures of 99.00F (37.2oC).</p>	<p>Evaluate the resident.</p> <p>These residents should be restricted to their current room (except for medically necessary procedures) and closely monitored until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fever (if present) resolves and</li><li>• Symptoms improve</li></ul> <p>Healthcare personnel caring for these residents should, ideally, wear all PPE recommended for residents with suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection while evaluating the cause of these symptoms. Strategies to optimize PPE supply are available here: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html</a></p> <p>If the resident’s symptoms resolve within 2 days, precautions can be discontinued. Fever, if present, should have resolved for at least 24 hours before discontinuing precautions.</p> <p>Viral testing for SARS-CoV-2 should be considered for residents if their symptoms are not improving or persist for longer than 2 days. Residents residing in facilities with active transmission, or who have had prolonged close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection in the prior 14 days, should be tested for SARS-CoV-2 infection.</p>	<p>If SARS-CoV-2 antigen testing is used to evaluate a symptomatic resident, <u>a negative antigen test in a resident</u> who has symptoms that are limited only to those observed following COVID-19 vaccination (i.e., do not have cough, shortness of breath, rhinorrhea, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell) may not require confirmatory SARS-CoV-2 NAAT.</p> <p>However, confirmatory SARS-CoV-2 NAAT testing should be conducted if there is active transmission in the facility, if the resident has had prolonged close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection in the prior 14 days, or if symptoms persist for longer than 2 days.</p> <p>Additional information is available here: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/antigen-tests-guidelines.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/resources/antigen-tests-guidelines.html</a></p>