

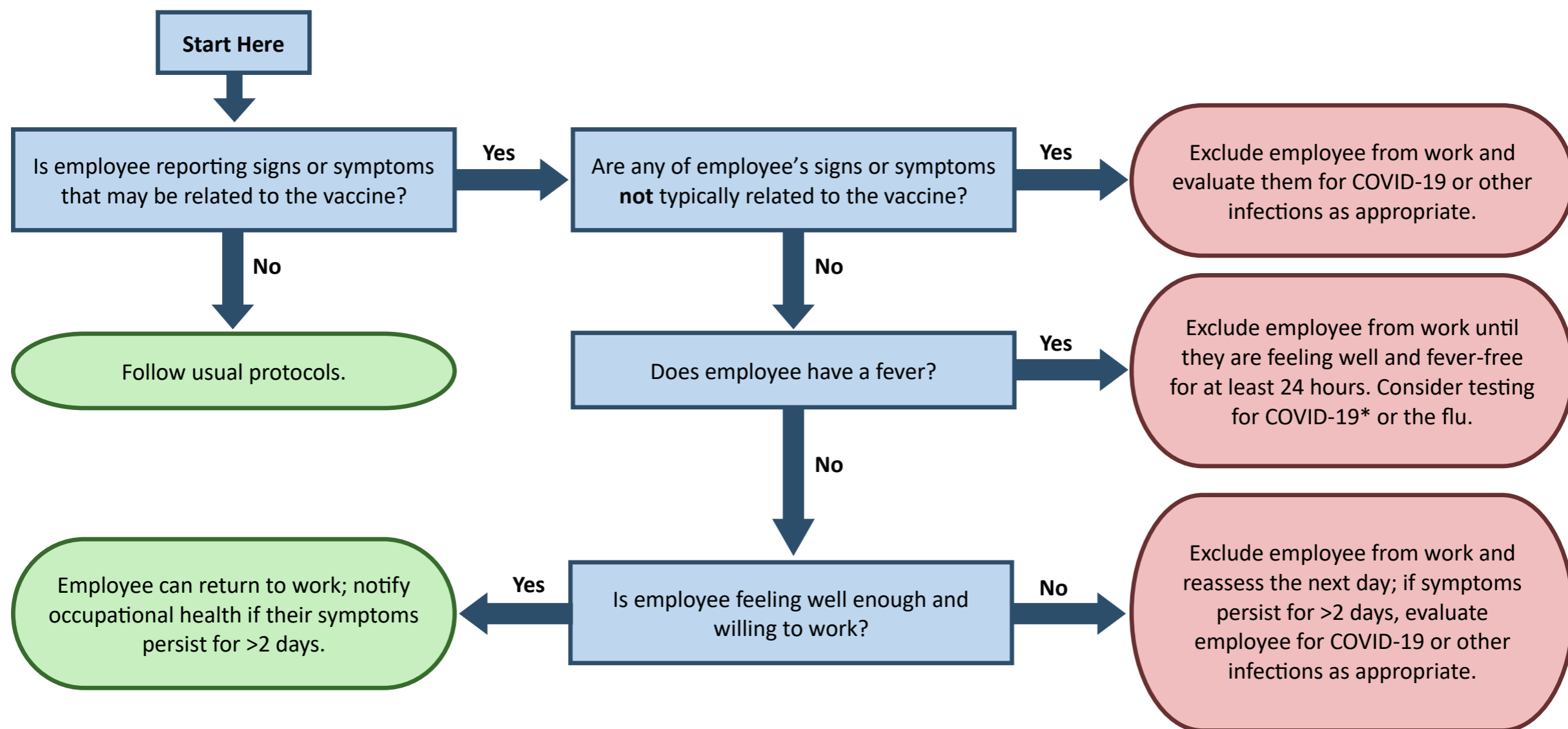
Health Care Facility Decision Support for Health Care Workers Experiencing Potential Side Effects After Receiving a COVID-19 Vaccine

This tool (adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s [Post Vaccine Considerations for Healthcare Personnel](#); updated on December 30, 2020) is designed to aid in the evaluation of health care workers who are reporting potential side effects within three days of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine (the day of vaccination is considered the first day). These considerations are based on our current understanding of COVID-19 vaccine side effects and may evolve as we gain more information. Health care personnel exclusion requirements may vary; consult the New York State Department of Health for guidance.

Side effects following COVID-19 vaccination can include **fever, fatigue, headache, chills, nausea, vomiting, muscle aches** and **joint pain**. Most side effects:

- Are mild to moderate in severity
- Occur within the first three days of vaccination, usually the day after vaccination
- Resolve within one to two days of onset
- Are more frequent and severe following the second dose and among younger people compared to older adults

Cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, congestion, sore throat and loss of taste or smell are **not** consistent with post-vaccination symptoms and may be symptoms of COVID-19 or another infection.



*A nucleic acid amplification (NAA) test is preferred. If an antigen test is used, negative results should be confirmed with an NAA.