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We would like to provide some clarity with regards to the 28 day recovery period following contracting Covid-19 and whether it is appropriate to vaccinate. Please see below the guidance;

Vaccination of individuals who may be infected or asymptomatic or incubating Covid-19 infection is unlikely to have a detrimental effect on the illness. Vaccination should be deferred in those with confirmed infection to avoid confusing the differential diagnosis. As clinical deterioration can occur up to two weeks after infection, ideally vaccination should be deferred until clinical recovery to around four weeks after onset of symptoms or four weeks from the first confirmed positive specimen in those who are asymptomatic.

While it is advised that the best outcome is to wait for 28 days, Between 21 and 28 days, if the patient is entirely recovered from Covid and asymptomatic the clinician would consider vaccination if the patient understood the risk that deteriorating symptoms might yet be related to Covid and that they should seek medical advice if the symptoms did not settle as vaccine side effects would be expected to do. However, if they were able to access a vaccine at a later date, beyond the 4 week period, this would be preferable.

Each student will be asked on the day if they have had Covid within the last 28 days and a clinical assessment will be completed.

Yours sincerely

School Age Immunisation Team