NYP COVID-19 Screening Tool for Patients and Visitors/Support Persons
November 19, 2020 (Replaces All Prior Guidance)

Based on the changing epidemiology of the COVID-19 pandemic and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) quarantine regulations, all patients and visitors should be screened for:

- **Symptoms** of COVID-19, **fever, or diagnosis of COVID-19 within previous 10 days**
- **Exposure** to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 **in the past 14 days**
- **Travel within 14 days from a U.S. state that does not directly border New York** (i.e., any state other than Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Vermont) as per NYS Travel Advisory (https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory) OR from a foreign country with a level 2 or 3 travel alert for COVID-19. [Note: a level 2 or 3 travel alert is currently in effect for most international locations. A list of international locations that are exempt from quarantine requirements is available at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html#travel-3.]

Positive screen for symptoms, fever, or diagnosis of COVID-19 within previous 10 days:
- PATIENTS should be placed in a single room on Contact/Droplet precautions.
- VISITORS cannot visit and should be referred to their provider.

Positive screen for exposure:
- PATIENTS who were exposed should be placed in a single room on Contact/Droplet precautions and offered SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing.
- In general, VISITORS who were exposed may not visit until 14 days have elapsed from the time of their last exposure.
  - Visitors whose only exposure is to a hospitalized patient with COVID-19 while the patient is hospitalized are permitted to visit because such visitors wear appropriate PPE while visiting.
  - Asymptomatic support persons/visitors for pediatric patients or patients in labor and delivery units are permitted to accompany the patient, *but efforts should be made to identify an alternative support person to replace the exposed individual.*

Positive screen for travel:
- PATIENTS with international travel or travel to/from a state that does not directly border New York should be placed in a single room and offered SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing.
- In general, VISITORS with a travel history may not visit within 14 days of their last day of travel.
  - However, if a VISITOR was in a restricted state, territory, or country for >24 hours AND who have had a negative diagnostic test for COVID-19 (e.g., PCR test, NAAT test, antigen test) **within 3 days prior to departure** from a restricted state, territory or country and a **second negative test** on or after their 4th day in NY are allowed to discontinue their quarantine and may visit as long as no other exclusions (e.g., the presence of symptoms or known exposure to someone with COVID-19) apply.
- The following <u>asymptomatic</u> VISITORS with a travel history are allowed to visit:
  - Parents/guardians of pediatric patients and support persons of patients on labor and delivery units, *but efforts should be made to identify an alternative support person to replace the individual with recent travel.*
  - Support persons for a patient who has traveled to New York solely to receive medical care.
  - Visitors of patients with special circumstances (e.g., end of life).

The checklist on the next page provides outlines screening questions and actions.

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Date:	Indicate if Screening is for Patient or Visitor (✓)	_____Patient	_____Visitor

Within the last 14 days, has the patient/visitor experienced ANY of these symptoms or fit the below criteria?
Check (✓), if applicable

— fever ≥ 100° F
— feeling feverish
— cough
— shortness of breath
— sore throat
— new loss of taste or smell
— chills/shaking chills
— muscle aches
— headache
— nasal congestion
— diarrhea
— Taken fever reducing medicines for a fever
— Diagnosed with or had a positive test for COVID-19 **within the previous 10 days**
— Been exposed to someone in the community or household who was *newly* diagnosed with COVID-19[1,2]
— Been asked by the health department to self-quarantine for an exposure to someone with COVID-19
— Returned from international travel OR travel to/from a state with a NYS quarantine requirement (i.e., any state other than CT, MA, NJ, PA, VT)[3,4]

— None of the above (does not meet any of the criteria listed above)

Screener Guidelines:
If in the last 14 days, the patient/visitor has experienced any of the listed symptoms or fit the criteria, the directive is as follows:
- **Patient** should notify the registration staff/provider as soon as they reach their destination.
- In general, **Visitor** should not visit.[2,3,4]

EXCEPTIONS TO VISITOR EXCLUSIONS INCLUDE:

Certain visitors with exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID-19:

[1]Visitors whose *only* contact is a hospitalized patient with COVID-19 (i.e., contact has only been in the hospital, not in the community) are permitted to visit because such visitors wear PPE.

[2]Asymptomatic support persons/visitors for PEDS and OB patients with COVID-19 are permitted to visit.

Certain visitors with recent travel:

[3]The following asymptomatic individuals are permitted to visit: (1) parents/guardians of pediatric patients and support persons of patients on labor and delivery units, but efforts should be made to identify an alternative support person, (2) support persons of a patient who has traveled to New York solely to receive medical care, (3) visitors of patients with special circumstances (e.g., end of life).

[4]Visitors who meet the NYS "test-out" of quarantine criteria (i.e., negative COVID-19 diagnostic test (e.g., PCR test, NAAT test, antigen test) within 3 days prior to departure from affected area AND a second negative diagnostic test on or after the 4th day in NY) may visit as long as no other exclusions (e.g., the presence of symptoms or known exposure to someone with COVID-19) apply. Visitor must attest that they have had testing performed that fulfills these criteria.