

**NYP COVID-19 Screening Tool for Patients and Visitors/ Support Persons
December 20, 2021 (Replaces April 19, 2021)**

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

- **NEW: Vaccination Status** (Visitors Only)
- **Symptoms** of COVID-19, **fever, or diagnosis of COVID-19 within the previous 10 days**
- **Exposure** to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 **in the past 10-14 days**
- **International travel within 10 days**

Vaccination Status:

- **VISITORS** cannot visit if they are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or do not have a **negative PCR test** to screen for COVID-19 within the last 72 hours.
 - **Fully vaccinated against COVID-19** is defined as: ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series (i.e., Pfizer or Moderna) or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine (i.e., Janssen/J&J). For individuals vaccinated outside of the US, COVID-19 vaccines that have received a [WHO emergency use listing](#) are acceptable.
- Upon request, visitors are subject to provide proof of vaccination (NYS excelsior pass, vaccination card, or equivalent), negative PCR test within 72 hours, or negative antigen test within 24 hours. A self-administered (home) COVID-19 test or positive antibody test is not deemed acceptable proof of vaccination.

Positive screen for symptoms, fever, or diagnosis of COVID-19 within the previous 10 days:

- **PATIENTS** should notify HCP upon arrival at their final destination so that appropriate precautions (i.e., Enhanced Droplet Precautions) can be implemented.
- **VISITORS** cannot visit and should be referred to their health care provider.

Positive screen for exposure:

- **PATIENTS (regardless of vaccination status)** who were exposed within the past **14 days** should notify HCP upon arrival at their final destination so that appropriate precautions (i.e., Enhanced Droplet Precautions) can be implemented and SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic testing can be offered, if appropriate.
 - Refer to relevant guidance documents for ED/Inpatient, Ambulatory, and Surgery/Procedure settings. [https://infonet.nyp.org/EPI/Pages/NovelCoronavirus\(COVID-19\).aspx](https://infonet.nyp.org/EPI/Pages/NovelCoronavirus(COVID-19).aspx)
- In general, **VISITORS (regardless of vaccination status) who were exposed within the past 10 days may not visit.** Exceptions include **asymptomatic support persons/ visitors:**
 - who have recovered from COVID-19 infection diagnosed within the past 3 months.
 - whose only exposure is to a hospitalized patient with COVID-19 while the patient is on isolation are permitted to visit because such visitors wear appropriate PPE while visiting.
 - for pediatric patients with COVID-19 are permitted to accompany the patient if exposed to the patient, **but efforts should be made to identify an alternative support person to replace the exposed individual.**
 - for patients with COVID-19 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.** However, if the exposure was to someone other than the patient (i.e., the

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patient is COVID-negative) the exposed support person is not permitted to accompany the patient.

https://infonet.nyp.org/EPI/Documents/Suspected_ConfirmedCOVID19Guidelines_OB_NICU_WellBabyNursery.pdf

Positive screen for international travel:

- **PATIENTS** with international travel should notify HCP upon arrival at their final destination so that appropriate precautions (e.g., Enhanced Droplet Precautions) can be implemented as appropriate. Refer to relevant guidance documents for ED/Inpatient, Ambulatory, and Surgery/Procedure settings. [https://infonet.nyp.org/EPI/Pages/NovelCoronavirus\(COVID-19\).aspx](https://infonet.nyp.org/EPI/Pages/NovelCoronavirus(COVID-19).aspx)
- In general, **UNVACCINATED VISITORS** with international travel **may not visit** unless it has been at least 7 days since arrival in the U.S. (Day of arrival is Day 0) AND they have a negative PCR within 72 hours, or negative antigen test within 24 hours. A self-administered (home) COVID-19 test or positive antibody test is not deemed acceptable proof of vaccination.

Additional exceptions may be applied to asymptomatic visitors of patients with special circumstances (e.g., end of life, OB).

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

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Indicate if Screening is for Patient or Visitor (✓)	____ Patient	____ Visitor
Check (✓), where applicable		
1. Are you fully vaccinated or had a negative PCR test to screen for COVID-19 within the last 72 hours? [NOTE: please expect that you may have to provide proof of vaccination (NYS excelsior pass, vaccination card or equivalent) or your negative PCR test upon request. A self-administered COVID-19 test or positive antibody test is not deemed acceptable proof of vaccination.]	__ Yes	__ No
2. In the last 10 days, have you had any of the following SYMPTOMS: Feeling feverish, had a temperature higher than 100°F (37.8°C), chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, muscle aches, headache, nasal congestion, diarrhea, or taken fever-reducing medication.	__ Yes	__ No
3. In the last 10 days, have you been DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19 or had a POSITIVE DIAGNOSTIC TEST FOR COVID-19? (Diagnostic tests include nasopharyngeal, nasal, oropharyngeal, saliva, and mid-turbinate tests. NOTE: blood tests to look for COVID-19 antibodies are NOT considered diagnostic tests.)	__ Yes	__ No
4a. EXPOSURE TO COVID-19: In the last 10 to 14 days, have you been EXPOSED to someone in the community, workplace, household, or anywhere else who was <i>newly</i> diagnosed with COVID-19 or asked by the health department or a health professional to SELF-QUARANTINE due to an exposure to someone with COVID-19? - For Patients: exposures within the past 14 days . - For Visitors: exposures within the past 10 days .	__ Yes	__ No
4b. If you answered YES to the question above and are a Visitor, are you required to quarantine? Quarantine is required unless you have recovered from a previous COVID-19 infection diagnosed within the past 3 months.	__ Yes	__ No
5a. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: Have you had international travel (travel from a country that is not a US territory) within the last 10 days?	__ Yes	__ No
5b. If you answered YES to the question above and are a Visitor, are you subject to the CDC and NYSDOH recommended quarantine? Quarantine is recommended unless you have recovered from a previous COVID-19 infection diagnosed within the past 3 months, OR you have completed the testing requirements to allow exit from quarantine (i.e., it has been at least 7 days since your arrival in the U.S. and you had a negative test on day 3-5 after arrival in the U.S.).	__ Yes	__ No

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Screener Guidelines:

If PATIENT answers “YES” to questions 2, 3, 4a or 5a, the patient should notify the registration staff/provider upon arrival at their final destination so that appropriate precautions can be implemented. Question #1 is not applicable to PATIENTS.

If VISITOR answers “NO” to question 1 and/or “YES” to question 2, 3, 4b, or 5b, in general that person should NOT visit.

Exceptions include:

- Some visitors who have not been vaccinated but are the support persons for a pediatric, OB, cognitive impairment or end of life patient and there are no other family member who are available to replace.
- Some asymptomatic visitors with EXPOSURE to COVID-19 within the past 10 days, including:
 - Asymptomatic support persons/visitors for pediatric patients with COVID-19 are permitted to accompany the patient if exposed to the patient, *but efforts should be made to identify an alternative support person to replace the exposed individual.*
 - Asymptomatic support person for patients with COVID-19 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.* However, if the exposure occurred from someone other than the patient (i.e., the patient is COVID-negative) the exposed support person is not permitted to accompany the patient.
 - Visitors of patients with special circumstances (e.g., end of life).
- Some asymptomatic VISITORS with travel within 10 days, including:
 - 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.*
 - Medically necessary support persons for a patient who has traveled to New York solely to receive medical care, at the discretion of the care team.
 - Visitors of patients with special circumstances (e.g., end of life).