

**NYP COVID-19 Screening Tool for Patients and Visitors/ Support Persons  
April 19, 2021 (Replaces April 7, 2021)**

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 the previous 10 days**
- **Exposure** to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 **in the past 10-14 days**
- **International travel within 10 days**

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

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

**Positive screen for exposure:**

- **PATIENTS** who were exposed within the past **14 days** should notify personnel upon arrival at their final destination so that precautions can be implemented as necessary 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 who were exposed within the past 10 days may not visit**. Exceptions include:
  - Asymptomatic visitors who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.<sup>1</sup>
  - Asymptomatic visitors who have recovered from COVID-19 infection diagnosed within the past 3 months.
  - Asymptomatic visitors 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.
  - 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 persons 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 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](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 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 within 10 days** of travel **UNLESS** they have **fulfilled the requirements of the NYSDOH- and CDC-recommended quarantine** (i.e., it has been at least 7 days since arrival in the U.S. (Day of arrival is Day 0) AND the visitor had a negative COVID-19 test on day 3-5 after arrival, OR they have recovered from a previous COVID-19 infection diagnosed within the past 3 months).



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

<sup>1</sup> **Fully vaccinated against COVID-19** is defined as:  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series (i.e., Pfizer or Moderna) or  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine (i.e., Janssen/J&J).

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

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<b>Indicate if Screening is for Patient or Visitor (✓)</b>	___ Patient	___ Visitor
<b>Check (✓), where applicable</b>		
<b>1. In the last 10 days, have you had any of the following SYMPTOMS:</b> 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
<b>2. In the last 10 days, have you been DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19 or had a POSITIVE DIAGNOSTIC TEST FOR COVID-19?</b> (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
<b>3a. EXPOSURE TO COVID-19:</b> <b>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?</b>  (For Patients: exposures within the past 14 days, For Visitors: exposures within the past 10 days)	___ Yes	___ No
<b>3b.</b> <b>If you answered YES to the question above and are a Visitor, are you required to quarantine? Quarantine is required unless you have been fully vaccinated<sup>1</sup> against COVID-19 OR you have recovered from a previous COVID-19 infection diagnosed within the past 3 months.</b>	___ Yes	___ No
<b>4a. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:</b> Have you had <b>international travel</b> (travel from a country that is not a US territory) within the last 10 days?	___ Yes	___ No
<b>4b.</b> <b>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 are fully vaccinated against COVID-19<sup>1</sup>, OR 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 US and you had a negative test on day 3-5 after arrival in the US).</b>	___ Yes	___ No

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**Screener Guidelines:**

**If PATIENT answers “YES” to any question above, the patient should notify the registration staff/provider upon arrival at their final destination so that appropriate precautions can be implemented.**

**If VISITOR answers “YES” to question 1, 2, 3b, or 4b, in general that person should NOT visit.**

**Exceptions include:**

- 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 COVID-positive 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.* 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).