



Visitor Testing Guidance

Effective immediately, in accordance with the January 12, 2022 NYSDOH Health Advisory, **all Health Pavilion visitors will be required to show proof of having a negative COVID-19 test one day prior to visitation for antigen tests and two days prior to visitation for NAAT (e.g. PCR) tests.** All visitors may use either NAAT testing or antigen testing. This means, for example, that a test for a Sunday visit should be conducted no earlier than Saturday if it is an antigen test or Friday if it is a PCR test. Any PCR or antigen test used must either have Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or be operating per the Laboratory Developed Test requirements by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Visitors may request to have their testing completed at the Facility, as long as adequate testing supplies are available. Records of COVID-19 tests will be made available, upon request to the local health department (LHD) and the New York State Department of Health. For visitors who visit for multiple days, including a visitor who comes every day, proof of negative testing is required as often as feasible, at a minimum every third day (meaning at a minimum testing is required on day one, day 4, day 7, and so on). Visitors who do not show valid proof of a negative test conducted within the required timeframe will be provided with an at home OTC COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test, if adequate supply is available, and the visitor will be required to test him/herself at the facility.

Procedure:

- All visitors are required to complete the screening process.
- Visitors who do not meet the screening criteria will not be permitted to visit.
- If the visitor meets the criteria for visitation, they will be asked to provide proof of having a negative COVID-19 test within the required timeframe.
- Proof of the negative test will be recorded on the Visitor Screening & Consent Form, including the test type (antigen; PCR) and collection date.
- If they are unable to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the required timeframe, then they will need to be provided with an at home OTC Antigen Rapid test kit, and instruction sheet.
- They will need to exit the facility to complete the testing in their vehicle, and wait the required time period for the test to result.
- If they have a positive test result after, then they will be asked to contact the receptionist to inform of their positive test.
- If they have a negative result within, they should return to the facility with their rapid test kit, and will be permitted to visit.
- The rapid test result will be recorded on the screening sheet.

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