

# New York State Quarantine Exemption for Patients

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New York State has announced that it will make an exception from its new quarantine rules for patients traveling here for necessary medical care and their companions.

Patients from a state where there is significant community spread of COVID-19, and their companions, may travel here despite the quarantine “for a medical procedure, elective procedure, or other appointment that cannot be postponed,” according to the state Department of Health. Patients and their companions must remain quarantined except for travel that is necessary to their medical care, and the companions must abide by the [visitor policy](#) while on our campuses.

As a reminder, staff returning from one of the states with significant community spread [must either quarantine for 14 days or record a negative COVID-19 PCR test](#) no more than 24 hours before returning to work.

More information on New York’s quarantine policy, including a list of states to which it applies, can be found [here](#).

Thank you for helping to keep our patients and ourselves safe during the continuing pandemic.