## **COVID-19 Vendor Update**



As YNHHS continues to treat COVID-19 patients, we are moving toward more typical operations. In our ongoing commitment to staff and patient safety, we feel it is important to monitor and limit visitors. Industry representatives play an important role in some aspects of patient care. The guidelines below are intended to ensure the safety of our staff, patients, and our vendor partners. We value the role you play in the care of our patients.

## **Expectations of our Vendor Partners**

- 1. On-site vendor representatives are expected to be limited to only preauthorized visits supporting critical or emergent patient care, critical maintenance, or preapproved "hands on" educational sessions.
- 2. All vendor representatives will comply with the Vendormate or YNHHS Badge requirements, and require a YNHHS or delivery network sponsor who will confirm the essential nature of their visit.
- 3. Vendor representatives must follow the YNHHS Personal Protective Equipment Policy. Vendor representatives with recent illness or symptoms are restricted from visiting any YNHHS site. See YNHHS memo entitled "COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Vendors On-Site at any YNHHS Facility."
- 4. No onsite sales visits are permitted and must be conducted virtually.
- 5. Vendor representatives are not permitted to be present for any aspect of care of a patient with COVID-19 or under investigation for COVID-19. If a rare clinical instance in which a vendor's presence is necessary in this scenario, an exemption must be requested by contacting Strategic Sourcing or the CSC Hotline below.
- 6. These restrictions will be in place at least through December 31, 2021, at which time the guidelines will be reviewed and updated.

## On-site visit process for all Vendor Representatives

For visits meeting the above criteria, the vendor representative must undergo screening prior to entering the facility and will need to attest in Vendormate to their compliance with any State of CT COVID-19 requirements. Vendor representative must identify their YNHHS sponsor and phone number as well as visit location. Once successfully screened and approved, the vendor representative will receive a day pass sticker from Vendormate. Vendormate screening sites are as follows:

York Street (EP)

Saint Raphael Campus Chapel Street BH, Milford, GH, LMH and Westerly
First floor Main entrance

Smilow 1 and 3 (NP)

George Street Garage

Children's (WP)

For help determining if a visit meets "essential" criteria, please contact:

 8 AM – 5 PM, Weekdays Strategic Sourcing Corporate Supply Chain Hotline (203) 688-2485

Evenings, Weekends/Holidays, and for any emergencies
 Corporate Supply Chain Emergency Manager on Call
 (203) 815-5694 or emoc.csc@ynhh.org

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