

### **Vendor Update: 5/ 10 /22**

While YNHHS continues to treat COVID-19 patients, we are trying to keep our operations moving toward more typical levels. 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.

Yale New Haven Health announced on July 13, 2021 all members of the health system's workforce are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by September 30, 2021, unless an exemption for documented medical reasons or religious or spiritual beliefs had been approved. **On January 5, 2022, YNHHS has mandated that all staff and vendors are to have received a COVID vaccine booster (Moderna, Pfizer, or J&J) by March 31, 2022.** Completion of the initial series (Moderna or Pfizer, 2 doses, or J&J single dose) is no longer considered adequate protection for our hospital setting.

This mandate extends to all of the health system's vendors and contractors. We recognize that our vendors and contractors provide essential services and support the work of our healthcare providers, and we value the health and safety of our vendors just as we value the health and safety of our workforce and patients. YNHHS now requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination from our vendors and contractors. Any vendors or contractors who receive an approved exemption from their employer for COVID vaccination are required to obtain a weekly negative COVID-19 PCR test while engaged at Yale-New Haven Health System facilities. Documentation should be provided to Yale New Haven Health's operational leader for the clinical space where you will be engaged.

Please provide vaccination documentation in Vendormate: proof of the three dose series of Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, or J&J with subsequent booster. If exempted, documentation of approval from your employer must be submitted into Vendormate.

### **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 on-site 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.
6. **These restrictions will be in place at least through January 1, 2023 at which time the guidelines will be reviewed and updated.**

### **On-Site Visit Process for all Vendor Representatives**

Prior to any visit meeting the above criteria, the vendor representative must undergo screening and submit into Vendormate proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or the approved exemption as stated above. Negative COVID-19 test must be obtained prior to first visit to any YNHHS site, and then weekly thereafter until work is completed. 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 Campus**

York Street (EP)  
Smilow 1 and 3 (NP)  
Children’s (WP)

#### **Saint Raphael Campus**

Chapel Street  
George Street Garage

#### **BH, Milford, GH, LMH & Westerly**

First floor main entrance

Sincerely,

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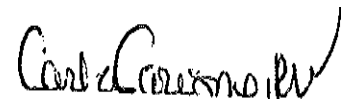


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