

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
REQUIRES NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT
FOR VISITORS PRIOR TO ENTERING A NURSING HOME**

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The New York State Department of Health has changed their visitation directives to now require verification that all visitors have received a negative COVID-19 test result prior to entering a nursing home in New York State.

St. Luke will accept a documented negative test result if receiving a COVID-19 diagnostic test in the community, which can include an antigen test completed up to one day before visiting, or a PCR test, completed up to two days before a visit.

If you choose St. Luke will provide a COVID test kit on-site to anyone wishing to visit, which they can then self-administer prior to being allowed access into the building.

Instructions for completing/self-administering a COVID-19 test are available in the vestibule/lobby areas.

After completing the testing process, exiting the building/area and waiting the required time period (15 minutes) for results, St. Luke staff will verify the results of your self-administered test.

- If the test result is negative you will be allowed to enter for a visit.
- If the test result is *positive* you will not be allowed to enter and we are required to report the result to the Oswego County Health Department.