

COVID-19 FAQs

Current Residents

Q. Do I have to wear a mask while in the building?

A. Yes, residents, staff, and all other patrons are required to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose when they are in a communal space. This includes the lobby, elevators, hallways, bathrooms, kitchens, dining rooms, the May Center, and all other shared spaces. Bandanas, gaiters, and masks with air filters do not meet our mask requirements.

Q. Can I bring a guest into the building?

A. Guest privileges are suspended until further notice. Residents are not allowed to bring in any guests into the building.

Q. Can I have other 92Y Residents in my room?

A. Residents can have at most 1 other 92Y resident in their room. Given the dimensions of the rooms, in order to properly socially distance, residents cannot have more than 1 other person in their room. Both residents must be wearing a mask when in the same room.

Q. As I can only have 1 other person in my room, is there a location where I can be with a group of 92Y Residents to study or hang out?

A. Yes, the 92Y Residence does provide rooms in the building where a group of residents can meet to study or hang out. Residents can use room M2 between 9am and midnight and room S104 between 6:30pm and 1am. While using these rooms, residents must follow the posted capacity limits, wear their mask, and socially distance.

Q. Is the Resource Center still open?

A. Yes, the Resource Center is still open and can be used by the residents. A maximum of 3 residents can be in the Resource Center at a time and we have only 2 computers that can be used. After you are done using the Resource Center, we ask that you wipe down any surface you may have touched with the provided disinfecting wipes.

Q. Does 92Y Residence require residents to be tested for COVID-19?

A. Yes, all residents are required to be tested for COVID-19 on a monthly basis. Resident have to submit their test results to the Residence Office by the 15th of every month. If a resident does not submit their results by the 15th, their ID will be deactivated, and they will not be allowed into the building until they are tested.

Q. Where can I get tested?

A. There are many locations around the 92Y that offer COVID-19 tests. To find a nearby location residents can visit The New York Department of Health (DOH) [COVID-19 Test Site Finder](#).

Q. What happens if I test positive?

A. If a resident tests positive, they have to inform the Residence Office immediately. They will then have to make arrangements to isolate offsite for a minimum of 10 days and can return after they are cleared to return by the Department of Health or their physician. Residents can use the [New York City COVID-19 Isolation Hotel Program](#) to isolate. Residents will be moved to a room on an isolation floor until they are able to move offsite. Residents will also be advised to call the Contact Tracer program of New York.

Q. Another resident on my floor tested positive, do I have to quarantine?

A. If a resident tests positive for COVID-19, we will notify everyone on that floor and ask they get a precautionary test. While primary contact tracing is the responsibility of New York State and New York City, the 92Y Residence will also conduct contact tracing of a positive testing resident. Following the guidelines of the CDC, state, and city officials, we use protocols and best practices for contact investigating and notification. Residents that are deemed to have come into close contact with the positive resident (defined as anyone who has been within 6 feet for a total of 10 or more minutes over a 24 hour period prior to a positive test result or symptoms developing) will be required to get rapid and PCR test immediately. They will be asked to remain in their rooms and strictly follow the 92Y Residence COVID-19 protocols until they receive their PCR result. If it is deemed that a resident is required to quarantine, it will have to be completed offsite. This resident(s) will be moved to a room on a quarantine floor until they are able to move offsite.

Q. I have been notified by New York Contact Tracers that I may have been exposed to COVID-19 and I need to quarantine, can I quarantine in my room at 92Y Residence?

A. Unfortunately, the 92Y Residence does not have the ability for residents to safely quarantine residents. If a resident has to quarantine or isolate, they will have to do it offsite. They will be allowed to return after they are cleared by the DOH or by their physician.

Q. If I plan on traveling, can I return to 92Y Residence when I come back?

A. If you plan to travel, please inform the 92Y Residence. Under the current [New York Travel Guidelines](#), if you return from another U.S. state or territory, you are not required to quarantine upon your return to 92Y Residence. We are still asking those residents to get tested for COVID-19 on the 4th day after they return.

If you are travelling internationally, you must comply with [current CDC recommendations](#) for testing and quarantine. First, you are required to have a negative COVID-19 test taken 3 days prior to travel. You must then quarantine offsite for 7 days with a COVID-19 test taken 3-5 days after travel or quarantine for 10 days without a test. With a negative test and following your quarantine period, you will be able to return to 92Y.

Everyone that travels out of state must also complete the [New York Travel Health Form](#).

Q. I have received a COVID-19 vaccine, do I still have to follow the 92Y Residence COVID-19 Protocols?

A. Yes, residents who have received a COVID-19 vaccine will still have to follow all the 92Y Residence COVID-19 Protocols. This includes wearing a mask in communal spaces, socially distancing when possible, washing your hands, and taking a monthly COVID-19 test.

Q. There are residents and/or staff who are not complying with the 92Y Residence COVID-19 protocols, can I report them?

A. Residents are encouraged to report any non-adherence to the COVID-19 protocols. You can email the Residence Office with your report. Please include the time and location of the non-adherence and we will investigate. If you would like to remain anonymous, you can write out the information and use the drop box outside of the Residence Office (or submit an inquiry on our website).

Prospective Residents

Q. Is 92Y Residence offering double rooms?

A. Yes, 92Y Residence has started offering large double rooms.

Q. Is the May Center open and do I have access to it?

A. The May Center is currently open and is still included for all 92Y residents. The May Center is also offering virtual classes which residents can participate in. After you arrive, we will send you information on how to register for the May Center.

Q. Are 92Y Events still taking place?

A. All 92Y Events are now virtual and streamed on 92Y.org. There are many free events that are available and we provide residents with a discount code to receive 50% off any ticketed event.

Q. Will any in-person social activities, exclusively for residents, be offered?

A. Yes! Programs offered have included gymnastics, volleyball, jewelry making, yoga, and more!

Q. How often are communal areas cleaned?

A. Communal and high touch areas are cleaned and sanitized at least three times a day and as needed throughout the day. Disinfecting sprays have also been placed in all kitchens, dining rooms, and bathrooms for residents to wipe down surfaces before and after using them.

Q. Are you still providing tours of 92Y Residence?

A. We are still providing tours by appointment only. To schedule a tour please call the Residence Office at 212-415-5660 or email us at 92YResidence@92y.org.

Residents Moving In

Q. Do I have to get tested for COVID-19 prior to moving in?

A. Every resident will have to provide a negative COVID-19 test result of a test administered within three days prior to moving in.

Q. I am traveling from another state or country to move into 92Y Residence. Will I have to quarantine upon my arrival?

A. If you are moving in from another U.S. state or territory, under current [travel guidelines](#), you will not have to quarantine upon your arrival in New York City and can move in to 92Y Residence without quarantining in New York after providing a negative COVID-19 test result. We are asking those residents to get tested on the 4th day after their arrival.

If you are moving in from another country, you must comply with [current CDC recommendations](#) for testing and quarantine. First, you are required to have a negative COVID-19 test taken 3 days prior to travel. You must then quarantine offsite for 7 days with a COVID-19 test taken 3-5 days after arrival in the US or quarantine for 10 days without a test. With a negative test and following your quarantine period, you will be able to move in to 92Y.

In addition, if you are arriving from outside the state of New York, must also complete the [New York Travel Health Form](#).

Q. Can my parents/friend help me move in? Do they need to be tested before helping me move in?

A. You can have one person help you while you move in and come up to your room. While they do not have to be tested, they must strictly follow the 92Y Residence Protocols. They will have to properly wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose and socially distance where possible. After you are finished moving in, they will have to leave the building.

If you are arriving from a non-contiguous state or another country, your parents/friends will also have to complete the quarantine requirements before entering the building.

Q. With housekeeping services suspended, should I bring my own linens?

A. Your room will have a set of linens provided by 92Y Residence. You can continue to use these linens for the duration of your stay, but you will be responsible for laundering these linens. If you would like to use your own linen, you can return the provided linens after you move in.