

PRE-PROCEDURAL SCREENING FOR COVID-19

Information for Patients and Visitors

You have a scheduled procedure that may result in the secretions from the lower respiratory tract being airborne. This can happen if you have a:

- Breathing tube in your windpipe
- Procedure that involves your mouth, nose, sinuses, windpipe, esophagus, or lungs

Some people with COVID-19 may not have symptoms. So, you will be tested for the virus before your procedure.

What is COVID-19?

It is a respiratory disease caused by a new virus called SARS-CoV-2. The most common symptoms are:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Most people with COVID-19 will have mild disease. Some people will get sicker and may need to be in the hospital. Some people will not have any symptoms at all.

How is the test done?

The test is done by health care staff. They swab your throat or the back of your nose. It will be done while you are in your vehicle.

How soon can I expect test results?

Test results will be back before your procedure.

How will I get the results?

You will be able to see your test result if you have MyChart. You will not be contacted with a normal test result. Staff from the Respiratory Clinic and your procedure team will call you if your test shows you are infected with COVID-19.

What happens if my test shows I have the virus?

Respiratory Clinic staff will talk with you about how to keep yourself and your close contacts healthy. You will be given information about what to expect and how to get health care if you start to feel sick. Your procedure team will talk with you about next steps for your procedure.

Call:

- 911 if you have an emergency
- 319-384-8819 if you are well and have general questions about COVID-19
- 319-384-9010 or visit MyChart if you have symptoms or would like to see a provider or schedule a video visit

VISITOR RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

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Effective Monday, Feb. 15, the following restrictions will go into effect:

Adult surgical and procedural patients will be allowed one approved visitor for scheduled surgeries and procedures.

- All patients and visitors will be screened upon entry.
- All visitors are required to wear a face mask at all times while inside our facilities.

All approved visitors must:

- Have their name submitted by the patient prior to arrival
- Be age 18 or older and healthy
- Be without symptoms of fever and illness upon arrival, as determined by the required screening
- Wear a face mask at all times

**These restrictions are in place to help protect our patients, visitors, and staff.
Thank you for understanding.**