Pre-Operative Screening for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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 should be back within 8 hours.

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 surgery 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 surgery 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