

Pre-Operative COVID Testing Patient Instructions

Thank you for choosing MultiCare Cascade Surgical Center for your procedure. We want you to know that we are taking every precaution and following the latest CDC guidelines. Our facilities are clean and safe for surgeries.

Your COVID-19 screening test has been scheduled for: _____.

Due to the continued presence of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community, however, we are taking proactive measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

Because people can have COVID-19 infections without significant symptoms, we are testing all patients coming in for procedures.

***** If you do not get testing as scheduled, your procedure may have to be rescheduled*****

The Surgical Center will schedule testing at our facility approximately 3-5 days prior to your procedure. **Testing location address: 1002 15th Street SW, Auburn.**

[HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?](#)

- We have a drive-thru testing process where you do not need to leave your vehicle. Please wear a mask when you arrive. You do not need to wear a medical mask. Cloth masks are sufficient.
- The drive-thru testing is at the west end of the building. There will be a sign to indicate the testing site. Do **NOT** go into the building or surgical center. Check-in at your scheduled time.
- Our staff will come to your vehicle, collect a sample from your nose, and the specimen will be tested in the lab.
- You will be contacted if there are any changes to your procedure schedule based on your test results.
- After testing, we encourage you to limit social interactions until your procedure.
- Results will be sent to your physician within approximately 24-48 hours.
- Your physician's office will call you *only* if your results are positive for COVID-19.
- Otherwise, continue to prepare for your procedure as instructed by your physician.

If you have any questions, please call **253-736-6600**.

Thank you again for your understanding and cooperation. We look forward to caring for you.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why am I being tested for COVID-19?

There is a greater risk of transmitting COVID-19 to health care providers during certain procedures. We also know that many individuals who do not show symptoms test positive for this virus. Therefore, we have decided to be cautious and test individuals prior to these types of procedures to ensure everyone's safety.

2. Does my COVID-19 test need to be pre-scheduled?

Yes. We will schedule your COVID-19 test based on your surgical date. We are trying to perform tests as close to the day of surgery as possible while still allowing enough time for the laboratory to send the results. Therefore, we are currently scheduling testing to be performed approximately 3 days prior to surgery except on weekends.

3. What if my results come back positive?

The office will contact you to discuss options. Regardless of your result, we are committed to providing great care for you.

4. Do I need to isolate myself prior to my procedure?

We are asking that patients limit social interaction prior to their procedure, but they do not need to isolate themselves. The goal is to reduce your risk of contracting COVID-19 between the time of testing and your procedure.

