

COVID-19 Testing Before Your Transplant Surgery

A COVID-19 test must be done before having surgery, even if you have no symptoms of COVID-19. This test should be done **3 days before** your surgery.

You will **not** need to test if you have tested positive for COVID-19 within 90 days of your procedure.

Before Your COVID-19 Test

Clinic staff will help you to schedule your COVID-19 test. You will be told about where to go for testing. Call **(608) 422-8100** if you need to reschedule your test.

Other key points:

- Use a restroom before arriving. None are available at the testing site.
- Arrive at the testing site at your scheduled time.
- Staff will explain how to do the COVID test.
- Bring your cellphone with you.
- Bring paper and pencil/pen to write your name. You will hold this up to the window for staff to see.
- **Do not** bring pets with you.

Test Results

You will be notified of your results. Patients **with** an active MyChart:

- Test results will be put into MyChart.

Patients with **no** active MyChart:

- If a positive test, your coordinator will contact you by telephone.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, your surgery may be postponed.

After Your COVID-19 Test

Return home (or to the hotel you are staying in) and stay there until your surgery. Only leave home for essential functions such as working and daycare. Take steps to lower your COVID-19 risk as follows.

- Wear a mask when indoors or when riding in a vehicle with others.
- **Do not go to public areas or to any type of gathering.**
- If you need medical care, call your doctor. Call 911 for emergencies.
- Limit your exposure to others. If you need a letter of excuse from work, tell clinic staff.
- Limit the number of people you are around. This includes family members. Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet as much as you can.
- **Do not** share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with others. This includes people in your home.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
- Cover coughs or sneezes into your sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
- Clean high-touch surfaces and objects daily and as needed.

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 or think you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 after your test, contact your transplant coordinator. They will advise you about next steps.