



PRE-SURGERY COVID-19 TESTING

Frequently Asked Questions

For your safety, and the safety of our employees and other patients, we're requiring all patients who are scheduled for surgery or a procedure to be tested for COVID-19 beforehand.

Here are answers to some of the questions you may have:

What do I do while I wait for my test results?

Here is a list of things you can do to reduce the chance of getting COVID-19 between now and the day of your surgery or procedure:

- Stay at home and away from others as much as possible unless you need medical care. It is okay to keep scheduled medical visits.
- Stay at least six feet away from others.
- Wear a mask if you are around others inside or outside of your home.
- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Clean and disinfect things you touch often during the day (things like doorknobs, faucets, toilet handles, counters, tabletops, light switches, phones and keyboards).
- Check for symptoms of COVID-19 every day before your surgery:
 - Take your temperature every day and call the surgeon if it is over 100.4.
 - Call the surgeon if you have a new cough, shortness of breath or sore throat.
- Call the surgeon if you have been around someone that has tested positive for COVID-19.

How will I get my results?

- Your provider's office will call you with your results in approximately one - six days, depending on the volumes our labs are handling.
- Test results are also available in MyChart as soon as the test is resultated, therefore you may see your results before your provider has had a chance to call you. (If you do not have a MyChart account, you can call your provider's office and ask for MyChart activation.)

What happens if my test is positive?

- If you test positive, the office will call you to discuss next steps and a plan for care.

What is The Christ Hospital doing to keep me safe once I am there?

The hospital has put many new plans in place to keep everyone healthy. Here a few things you will notice during your stay:

- All patients, visitors and staff are required to wear face coverings and be checked for a fever before entering the hospital.
- Staff are required to practice social distancing when possible.
- Visitors are limited and must be over 16 years of age. Visitors must stay in the patient's room and not visit the cafeteria or gift shop (in-room guest meals are available for purchase).
- Patients with COVID-19 are placed on designated units away from other patient care areas.
- The staff is hard at work cleaning and disinfecting areas on a regular basis.

If you have any additional questions about your pre-surgery COVID-19 test, please contact your provider.



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