

# Your safety during surgery

**During this time of quarantine, your safety and well-being is our first priority. We have implemented several measures to protect your safety and that of your health care team. These include:**

- Your surgery will take place in an area/operating suite that is entirely separate and removed from patients with/or suspected of an infectious disease.
- All hospital staff—physicians, nurses, technicians, and clinicians – complete daily self-monitoring for fever and symptoms, which includes temperature checks twice daily – always once prior to a shift in accordance with the CDC’s guidance. Additionally, our team members are instructed to immediately inform supervisors if they feel ill. Symptomatic employees are removed from work and, whenever appropriate, also are nasal-swab tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus before returning to work.
- Paths from the hospital admission area to and from the operating rooms have been altered so that you and your caregiver will be in dedicated areas that are separate from COVID patients and are cleaned repeatedly throughout the day.
- For the safety of all other patients and visitors, you too will be tested prior to surgery.
- The hospital is currently operating a no visitation policy, with a few exceptions including one visitor over the age of 16 is allowed per patient who is having a procedure or surgery.
- Your visitor will be allowed to accompany you to the surgery waiting area. Following the completion of your surgery, your visitor will be allowed to come see you in recovery. If your surgery requires an overnight stay on an inpatient floor, your visitor will be asked to leave at that time.
- All patients and visitors who enter the building must pass a COVID-19 screening and temperature check. We are also asking all staff, patients and visitors to wear a mask upon entrance. Masks must remain on while in our hospital to minimize the risk of spreading the virus.
- All protocols have been developed through a multidisciplinary collaborative effort involving medical and surgical specialties including input from infection prevention, infectious disease and pathology specialists.



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