

# Surgeries and Procedures Requiring a COVID Test

## Northeast Ohio Locations

Patient and caregiver safety and PPE stewardship have always been the focus of our decision making regarding surgical and procedural reactivation. Based on low and decreasing community incidence of COVID-19, an extremely low rate of pre-surgical and pre-procedural COVID-19 test positivity for the last 12 weeks, and increasing vaccination rates in patients and caregivers, the following changes have been made in regards to Surgeries and Procedures Requiring a COVID Test.

These requirements apply to Ohio and Florida locations.

The following outpatient procedures for asymptomatic patients **no longer require testing**:

- Electro-physiology procedures
- Cardiac Catheterizations
- TEE - Transesophageal Electrocardiograph
- Stress echo, regular exercise stress, metabolic stress, exercise nuclear
- Pain management occurring at Walker, Hillcrest, and Euclid
- Egg retrieval for IVFs, embryo transfers
- Select Interventional Radiology (AGP, requiring general anesthesia)
- Dental procedures and cleaning
- Dental extractions, implants, fillings, crowns, cleaning
- Periodontal osseous surgery, Periodontal crown lengthening
- Root canal therapy
- Alveoloplasty
- Debridement/Ultrasonic Scaling
- Endoscopies at all locations
- All outpatient surgeries and procedures occurring within an Operating Room or Ambulatory Surgery Center

Asymptomatic patients undergoing the following procedures **still require testing**:

- Patients age 14 & under
- Patient requiring an overnight stay or admission / TCI
- Bronchoscopy
- Pulmonary function challenge testing in the PFT Lab (methacholine challenge, exercise challenge and mannitol challenge)
- Oral (excluding dental procedures), nasal, pharyngeal and laryngeal procedures

Additional testing may be required for other procedures based upon symptoms displayed by the patient. Testing may be performed based upon clinical need.