

HOW TO BOOK YOUR COVID-19 SWAB BEFORE A SCHEDULED SURGERY

Once you have a surgical appointment booked, you are required to get a COVID-19 test **five days** prior to your appointment.


COVID-19 tests are by appointment only. Assessment centres in Ontario do not accept walk-in patients. We encourage patients to get their COVID-19 test at MSH's COVID-19 Assessment Centre. This will ensure we receive your test results before for your scheduled procedure.

Testing at MSH COVID-19 Assessment Centre:

- 1) Five days prior to your surgery call 905-472-7373 ext. 6994 between the hours 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. to register for your swab. Allotted times for surgery patient swabbing will be between 8 – 9:30 a.m. You can call from home or from MSH Parking lot #7.
- 2) When you arrive at the MSH Assessment Centre check in with the nurse and proceed to get your COVID-19 swab.
- 3) If you do not hear from Public Health or the Surgical Assessment Clinic (SAC) your surgery will go ahead as planned.
- 4) If your results are positive you will be contacted by Public Health. Your surgeon's office will contact you to reschedule your surgical procedure

If you choose to get swabbed at a different COVID-19 Assessment Centre

- 1) Five days prior to your surgery, book your appointment at your chosen Assessment Centre.
- 2) Your results will be shared with you by Public Health. You will ONLY receive a phone call from Public Health if your test is positive. Due to high demand, it may take several days for the results to be available. Please use one of the following options to access your results:
 - a. Public Health Ontario COVID-19 results website:
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/laboratory-services/test-results>. You will need your OHIP number to register to view results.
 - b. If you do not have an OHIP number (or have the old red and white card), call your primary care provider
- 3) Once you have received your results, call the Surgical Assessment Clinic (SAC) 905-472-7373 ext. 7627. Leave a message including your first and



last name (say and spell), the date of your upcoming surgery, and your results.

- 4) If your COVID-19 swab returns positive, your surgery appointment will be postponed. You must also follow Public Health directive and self quarantine.

Please note: if you are unwell prior to your scheduled surgery appointment contact your surgeon's office to notify them.

For more information contact: 905-472-7627 or call your surgeon's office.