Preparing your child for surgery during COVID-19

Your family’s safety is our top priority. In light of the COVID-19 coronavirus, we have had to make some changes. Please follow these guidelines to keep you and your family safe for your child’s visit.

2 DAYS BEFORE YOUR CHILD’S SURGERY

Prevent the spread of COVID-19

– Continue to stay 6 feet away from others and clean your child’s hands often. You and your child’s caregivers should also follow these rules.

– Avoid close contact with others and try not to leave your home, especially during the 2 days before your child’s visit.

Get tested for COVID-19

– We will call you to talk about coronavirus testing.

– Your child will need the test within 2 days before their surgery.

– If you do not get tested within the required timeframe as defined during the scheduling process, we may need to reschedule your child’s surgery.

OHSU testing site:
OHSU Pre-Op Medicine Clinic (by appointment)
3485 S. Bond Avenue, Portland, OR 97239
7 a.m. – 3 p.m., 7 days a week

Report COVID-19 symptoms

– Check for symptoms every day.

– We will do a symptom check over the phone when we call you 1-2 days before your child’s visit.

– Let us know if you or your child have:

  □ Fever, sore throat, runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, body aches or other symptoms.

  □ Been diagnosed with COVID-19.
THE DAY OF YOUR CHILD’S SURGERY

Coming to the hospital

– Your child must have 1 healthy adult legal guardian (age 18+) be their support person. Your child’s support person is responsible for getting discharge instructions and taking your child home after their surgery.

– **No additional visitors** are allowed in the hospital at this time.

– **Wear a mask.** You and your child (age 2+) need to wear a mask. Do NOT wear masks with breathing valves. If you do not have a mask, we can give you one. If you refuse to wear a mask without a valve, we may need to cancel your child’s surgery.

Checking in

1. When you enter the Doernbecher building, you and your child will go through a screening checkpoint to make sure your child does not have COVID-19 symptoms. You will need to be screened but you do not need a COVID-19 test.

2. Next, take the elevator to the 8th floor and check in at the maple leaf desk.

3. You will be with your child in the pre-operative area and will be reunited as soon as possible after surgery in either the post-operative area (same as pre-op) or the inpatient room.
Parents and caregivers

- During your child’s surgery, you should try NOT to move around the hospital too much. You can wait:
  - In your car in a spot with cell service, or
  - In one of these designated waiting spaces:
    - Doernbecher 8th floor surgery waiting area
    - Doernbecher inpatient room, if available
    - Doernbecher 11th floor assigned seating
- When your child gets moved to their own patient room, you can be there with them.

Possible schedule changes. We may have to reschedule your child’s procedure if there is an increase in COVID-19 cases. We will keep your child’s best interests in mind when making these decisions. Thank you for your understanding.