OHSU HOSPITAL

Additional instructions for preparing for your surgery during COVID-19

Your 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 safe for your surgery. We update our guidelines based on the current COVID-19 situation. They may have changed since the last time you were here. Thank you for helping us keep us all safe.

3+ days before your surgery

Plan out your COVID-19 vaccines
- If you are getting your COVID vaccine, try to get it at least 3 days (72 hours) before your surgery. You do NOT need to cancel your surgery if the time between your vaccine and surgery is shorter than 72 hours.
- Let your provider know if you already got your 1st vaccine dose but need to get your 2nd dose around the same time as your surgery.
- Even if you are vaccinated, you still need to be tested for COVID-19 before your surgery. The vaccine will NOT give you a false positive test result.

2 days before your surgery

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 – Even if you are vaccinated
- Continue to stay 6 feet away from others and clean your hands often. The person who brings you to and from the hospital and/or supports you during your stay should also follow these rules.
- Avoid close contact with others and try not to leave your home for at least 1 week before your surgery, especially during the 2 days before your surgery. You CAN leave home for COVID testing.
Get tested for COVID-19

- We will call you to talk about coronavirus testing.
- You will need a PCR test within 2 days before your surgery. OHSU does NOT accept antigen or at-home test results. The COVID test must be a PCR test. Call your provider's office if you need help scheduling a PCR test.
- If you do not get tested within the required timeframe, we may need to reschedule your surgery.

OHSU testing sites:

**Appointments Required** – OHSU will contact you

- **OHSU Center for Health & Healing Building 1**
  - Pre-Op Covid Testing, 4th Floor (check-in on 4th floor)
  - 3303 S. Bond Ave., Portland, OR 97239
  - 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday – Wednesday and holidays

- **OHSU Center for Health & Healing Building 2**
  - Pre-Op Medicine Clinic, 8th Floor (check-in on 1st floor)
  - 3485 S. Bond Ave., Portland, OR 97239
  - 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday

Report COVID-19 symptoms

- Check for symptoms every day.
- Let your surgeon or scheduler know if you have:
  - Fever, sore throat, runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, body aches or other symptoms.
  - Been diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - Had close contact with someone who has COVID-19 (suspected or confirmed) within the past 14 days.
  - Traveled on a cruise ship within the last 30 days.

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 symptoms, please contact your primary care provider. If you don’t have one, please call:

**OHSU Health COVID-19 Hotline** at 833-647-8222, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week.
The day of your surgery

Coming to the hospital

- You must have **1 healthy adult** (age 18+) available and responsible for getting your discharge instructions and to take you home after your surgery.
- If you have a disability and need help speaking with hospital staff, deciding on health care, understanding health care information, or doing daily tasks, you can name at least 3 support people/caregivers and have **1 support person/caregiver** with you in the hospital.
- **1 healthy adult visitor per day** is allowed to visit you in your hospital room during visitation hours if you are staying overnight. Patients with disabilities can have 1 support person/caregiver in their overnight hospital room at a time.
- We request all who are visiting or supporting a patient to either be **fully vaccinated** OR have a **negative COVID-19 test result within the last 72 hours**.
- **Wear a mask** (age 2+). Everyone needs to wear a face covering at all times. Do NOT wear masks with breathing valves. These do not provide the protection we need. If you do not have a mask, we can give you one. If you or the person with you refuses to wear the right kind of face covering, we may need to reschedule your procedure to another day.
- Remember to limit the personal items you bring with you.

Checking in

1. When you enter the building, you and the person with you will go through a **screening checkpoint** to make sure you do not have COVID-19 symptoms.
2. Next, check in at the **admitting desk** and sign paperwork.
3. Go to the **pre-surgery location** or waiting area.