Additional instructions for preparing for your procedure 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 procedure.
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 procedure

**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 procedure. You do NOT need to cancel your procedure if the time between your vaccine and procedure is shorter than 72 hours.
- Even if you are vaccinated, you still need to be tested for COVID-19 before your procedure. The vaccine will NOT give you a false positive test result.

**Prevent the spread of COVID-19**
- 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.
2-3 days before your procedure

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.

The day of your procedure

Coming to the hospital

- For patients age 18+: You must have 1 healthy adult (age 18+) available and responsible for getting your discharge instructions and to take you home after your procedure.
- For patients younger than 18: 2 healthy adults (age 18+) can be with the patient.
- 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.

- Possible schedule changes. We may have to reschedule your procedure if there is an increase in COVID-19 cases. We will keep your best interests in mind when making these decisions. Thank you for your understanding.
The day of your procedure (continued)

**During your visit**

1. Before you enter the Casey Eye Institute, the person with you should answer the screening questions at www.ohsu.edu/accesspass to make sure they do not have COVID-19 symptoms.
2. Next, go to the 6th floor to check in at the admitting desk and sign paperwork.
3. Go to the pre-procedure location or surgery waiting area on the 6th floor.

**Get tested for COVID-19**

- You may be tested for COVID-19 the day of your procedure in the Pre-Operative area.
  - If the results are positive or non-conclusive, your surgery may be rescheduled.