

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.

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 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.