

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.

2 days before your surgery (continued)



Get tested for COVID-19

- We will call you to talk about coronavirus testing. You will need a PCR test within **2 days of your surgery**. Where you get tested depends on where you are having surgery. It will be either:
 - 1-2 days before surgery at the Center for Health & Healing Building 2, or
 - The day of surgery in the Pre-Operative area
- You can get tested outside of OHSU as long as it is a PCR test. We do **NOT** accept antigen or at-home test results.
- 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 site:

Appointments Required – OHSU will contact you

- **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., Saturday – Wednesday



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 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.
- **2 healthy adult visitors per day** are allowed to visit you in your inpatient 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. Before you enter the building, 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, check in at the **admitting desk** and sign paperwork.
3. Go to the **pre-surgery location** or waiting area.

➤ **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.