

Resumption of Elective Surgery for Patients

Patient safety has never been more important at Providence Medical Center. To address the healthcare needs of our community, Providence has expanded access to medical and surgical care. Each week we are monitoring community health and hospital admissions data related to Covid-19 activity and how that fluctuation may impact PPE supplies for our staff. Such data will help us determine scheduling availability on a weekly basis.

We encourage you to speak with your physician's office about the advance scheduling your surgery or elected procedure.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is it now safe to perform surgeries at Providence?

Yes. Providence continues its focus on patient safety as a recognized 5 Star CMS rated Hospital and recipient of the Healthgrades Patient Safety and America's Top 250 Hospital awards. Our teams will continue to provide a safe environment for those patients entrusting us with their care. All surgery patients will be required to go through a preoperative screening process to reduce the risk of infection. Patients are encouraged to consult with their physician to address safety questions and the best timing for scheduling a specific surgery.

May I schedule a surgery for myself or a family member?

Yes. The department is now open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, patients are encouraged to contact their physician's office or the Providence Outpatient Surgery department at **913-596-5100**.

What is the Patient Preoperative Screening Process?

- All elective surgery patients will be tested for COVID-19. A patient's physician is required to order the test which must occur 3-7 days prior to the date of surgery. Patients may conveniently be tested at our Outpatient Surgery Department.
- Patients testing negative will be required to self-isolate at home in the days prior to surgery. Please see our "Tips for Self-Isolation prior to Surgery". Upon return to the hospital for surgery, patients will be screened and temperature assessed prior to entering the building.
- Patients testing positive will have their surgery rescheduled to a later date when they are no longer at risk for spreading the virus. These patients will be required to repeat the preoperative screening process and receive a negative test reading prior to surgery.

Are visitors allowed during my surgery?

Yes. Surgery patients are allowed one visitor to the hospital to accompany them to the waiting area. Visitors are not allowed in any other area of the hospital. All patients and visitors must pass through a hospital screening station where temperature will be assessed prior to entering the building.

Do I need a mask during my visit to the hospital?

Yes. All surgery patients and visitors are required to wear a mask. Individuals who pass through a hospital screening station will be provided a mask if they do not already have one available.



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