

COVID -19 Testing Policy December 10th, 2021

Due to high demand for Covid testing, we require all un-vaccinated patients to be tested for COVID three (3) days prior to their surgery. Fully vaccinated patients (fully vaccinated is defined as 2 weeks post-2nd dose of Pfizer or Moderna, or 1st dose of Johnson & Johnson) do not need to be COVID tested unless they are showing any symptoms of COVID or have had a known exposure. After the patient's test, they will be required to quarantine until the day of surgery.

Quarantine means that the patient will stay at home until the day of surgery. Theymay only leave for important scheduled doctors' appointment or Pre-Op Labs.

Although we prefer the patients to stay at home, if they need to go to work, the workplace must provide an environment that is safe for the prospective patientswhich includes:

- Mask requirements
- Proper Social distancing
- Frequent hand washing policy

On the day of surgery, the patient will be asked about their quarantine status. If we discover a substantial breach of the protocols they will be canceled.

Our Pre-Op screening calls will emphasize our Covid testing policy, but it is the expectation that the surgeon's offices will reinforce the requirement to quarantine at home and to obtain the Covid test two days before surgery.

We have created a self-isolation instruction sheet that is available on