



COVID -19 Policy

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Lighthouse Surgery Center has reviewed current testing guidelines with the Connecticut Department of Public Health and has decided to make changes to the testing of LSC patients preoperatively based on the presence or absence of COVID related symptoms instead of each patient's vaccination status.

Our Pre-Op screening calls will include questions regarding travel, known exposures, and symptoms (including but not limited to fever, cough, nasal congestion, sore throat, or GI upset). These same questions will be asked again the day before surgery when patients are called with their arrival times, if the patient is symptomatic patients will be required to take a rapid COVID test. If the patient is COVID positive, surgery will be rescheduled in a minimum of 10-14 days dependent upon any remaining cardiac or pulmonary symptoms. This may require additional clearance from the patient's primary care physician.

On the day of surgery patients will be temperature checked and again be asked if they've had any known exposures or are experiencing any symptoms. If a patient presents with symptoms or an elevated temperature patients may be required to take a rapid COVID test on site and the final determination will be made by an anesthesiologist.