

Frequently Asked Questions for Patients Nebraska Medicine Procedures

COVID-19 FAQ

Will I be exposed to COVID-19 patients? No. Inpatient coronavirus patients are cared for in separate units specifically designed to prevent the spread of respiratory illness.

What can I expect when I enter the building? You will be asked screening questions at the entry point, masks and hand washing stations are also available.

Can a family member bring me to my appointment? Only patients will be allowed inside our facilities. We ask that friends or family members wait in the car or a safe location.

Can I have visitors? Unfortunately, to protect our patients, staff and the community from the risks associated with COVID-19, Nebraska Medicine does not allow visitors in our hospitals or clinics.

Is there enough PPE and staff to perform procedures? **Yes.** We are confident we have enough personal protective equipment and ventilators to meet the needs of the community, and care for all patients.

Do I need to be tested for COVID-19? Yes. All patients must be tested 72 hours before their scheduled procedure, and must self-isolate for 72 hours after testing. No exceptions.

What type of COVID-19 testing will I have? Your surgeon will order the COVID by PCR test. This test requires you to be swabbed in your nose. It is a flexible, fine-shafted swab that is inserted through the nostril gently rotated. The swab is then placed into a sterile bag and delivered to the lab.

Who is responsible for ordering the COVID-19 test? Your surgeon must order the COVID-19 test. This ensures all results are routed back to them. Once you are scheduled, a Nebraska Medicine staff member will give you instructions on how to be tested and where to go.

How will I know the COVID-19 testing policy? A Nebraska Medicine staff member will notify you of the requirements at the time of scheduling.

Can I use a Test Nebraska location? No. Test Nebraska COVID-19 specimen collection sites and results are not being accepted for our pre-surgical screenings.

Do I need to social distance? Yes. Currently, all patients will be asked to socially distance for two weeks before your COVID-19 testing and self-quarantine after your test until day of your procedure.

Where do I go to be tested? Nebraska Medicine has several testing sites available. Once we schedule your procedure, we will work with you to find the best location to send you.

Nebraska Medicine Collection Sites	Collection Hours	Order/Patient Instructions
Nebraska Medicine Drive Through	Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order and Nebraska Medicine team directly schedules the appointment and provides patient instructions.
Nebraska Medicine Primary Care Clinics Brentwood, Chalco, Elkhorn,	Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order and Nebraska Medicine team directly schedules the appointment and provides patient instructions.
Nebraska Medicine Immediate Care Clinics Eagle Run, Midtown	Saturday - Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order and Nebraska Medicine team directly schedules the appointment and provides patient instructions.
Nebraska Medicine Campus	Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order and Nebraska Medicine team directly schedules the appointment and provides patient instructions.
Nebraska Medicine Lauritzen Outpatient Center	Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order and Nebraska Medicine team directly schedules the appointment and provides patient instructions.
Other Community Collection Sites	Collection Hours	Order/Patient Instructions
Lincoln University Health Center	Monday - Tuesday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order. University Health Center will call patient to schedule and provide instructions.
Grand Island Grand Island Health Center	Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order. GI Health Center staff will call patient to schedule and provide instructions.
Beatrice Beatrice Community Hospital	Monday - Friday 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order. Beatrice hospital staff will call patient to schedule and provide instructions.
Columbus Columbus Community Hospital	Hours to be provided at time of scheduling Open Saturday mornings	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order. Columbus hospital staff will call patient to schedule and provide instructions.
Hastings Mary Lanning Hospital	Monday - Friday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order. Mary Lanning Hospital staff will call patient to schedule and provide instructions.
Norfolk Faith Regional Health Services	Hours to be provided at time of scheduling	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order. Faith Regional Health Services staff will call patient to schedule and provide instructions.
North Platte Great Plains Health	Hours to be provided at time of scheduling	Nebraska Medicine provider will place order. Great Plains Health staff will call patient to schedule and provide instructions.

I do not live in Omaha, how can I be tested? Please see the testing sites below.

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