

## **Statement on repeat COVID19 Procedural Testing For Invasive Procedures/Operative Interventions**

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### **Non-COVID19 Patients:**

Procedural testing should be completed within 72 hours as per perioperative guidance. Due to the increase visitation policy and risk of COVID-19 exposure from visitors, the prior 14-day policy no longer applies. It is of note, that although COVID-19 and Influenza testing may be reported simultaneously, only COVID-19 testing is required pre-operatively. If influenza is positive, for aerosol-generating procedures (AGPs), the same PPE should be used as would be for COVID-19.

### **COVID19 Patients:**

Procedural testing is not needed for a known COVID19 patient still within COVID19 isolation precautions (requiring use of N95 or PAPR). If the patient has recovered from their acute COVID19 infection and transferred to a regular unit based on 2 negative COVID19 tests; no further pre-procedural testing would be required if 21 days post-positive test. Procedural testing, or deferral of care, for non-invasive procedures that do not require sedation or anesthesia, such as xray, ultrasounds, or phlebotomy can safely be done with procedural masking of patients, who are fever free for at least 5 days, and universal masking of healthcare providers.

**For patients that are COVID+ who are 10 days past symptom onset, fever free for at least 5 days with significant clinical improvement, AND still before day 21, for procedures that are NOT aerosol generating, as long as the patient can wear a procedure mask, COVID level PPE is not necessary.**