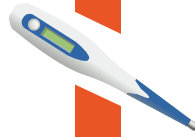


Safely Returning to the Hospital for Surgery

Your health and well-being are our top priority. We take infection prevention very seriously and the Johns Hopkins medical staff follows guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Here's what you can expect if you need outpatient surgery at Suburban Hospital.

1. WHAT WE'LL DO

We test all patients for COVID-19 prior to surgery. If you test positive, we will be unable to perform your surgery. Please call your surgeon who will advise you on next steps.



WHAT YOU'LL DO

Contact your surgeon to verify your medical/surgical clearance is complete and current. You may be tested for COVID-19 within 72 hours of your procedure. Many testing options exist in Montgomery County and your surgeon can guide you on the best process and timing.

2. WHAT WE'LL DO

Screen our physicians, nurses and other staff for symptoms daily. Our staff wear personal protective equipment and practice proper hand hygiene.



WHAT YOU'LL DO

Isolate, keep your distance from others and practice precautions such as wearing a mask and washing your hands frequently in the days prior to your procedure.

3. WHAT WE'LL DO

Clean and disinfect waiting areas, operating rooms and equipment between each patient.



WHAT YOU'LL DO

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms (*fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, headache, runny nose*) or other illness, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19, call your surgeon for guidance.

4. WHAT WE'LL DO

A member of our patient access team will call you on the phone number provided in the days prior to your surgery to complete the registration process by phone. This will reduce the time you spend in the waiting area the day of surgery.



WHAT YOU'LL DO

Park in the visitor lot and proceed into the building. Wear a mask when entering the hospital; if you don't have one, a mask will be provided for you.

5. WHAT WE'LL DO

One care partner is allowed for patients under age 18 and for those with a disability or medical condition who require a caregiver. In those circumstances, the care partner may go into pre-op and post-op with the patient.

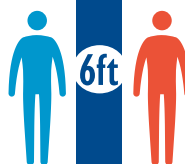


WHAT YOU'LL DO

Practice proper hand hygiene and use hand sanitizer when you enter the hospital.

6. WHAT WE'LL DO

Call your visitor/support person when your procedure ends and you are ready to go home. With your visitor/support person on the phone or through Zoom, if you prefer, we will give you both an overview of all discharge and care plans prior to taking you outside so your visitor/support person can transport you home.



WHAT YOU'LL DO

Keep six feet or more between you and others. All support persons must wait outside of the hospital during surgery. During pick up, your driver must wear a mask.

