

COVID-19 SCREENING PROCESS

For Patients Scheduled for Surgery



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In an effort to protect you, your family, our healthcare workers and the community, Northside Hospital has required patients scheduled for surgery or other procedures to have a negative COVID-19 test prior to the procedure. **Based on the effectiveness and availability of the COVID-19 vaccines, for patients scheduled for a procedure on or after May 3, 2021, Northside will waive the test requirement for patients who have received the full series of the COVID-19 vaccine and at least 14 days has elapsed since the last dose of the vaccine (defined as fully vaccinated).**

If you are not fully vaccinated, you will be required to have a screening test for COVID-19 **three business days or 72 hours before your scheduled surgery.** It is important that you come for your screening test on the designated day. This will ensure that your results are back in time for your procedure. Screening will be performed at one of our drive-thru testing sites Monday - Friday: 7:00AM to 7:00PM. You do not need an appointment for testing. Drive-thru testing sites are located close to each of our hospital facilities. Please go to the testing site designated for the facility where your surgery will take place (see reference below):

DESIGNATED LOCATION FOR TESTING	FACILITY WHERE YOUR SURGERY IS SCHEDULED:
Northside Hospital Atlanta 993-D Johnson Ferry Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30342 (Entrance to testing site is located on Meridian Mark Drive, across from the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Parking deck entrance - look for the white tent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northside Hospital Atlanta: Ground and Third Floor Surgery, Breast Care Surgery Center at the Women's Center• Meridian Mark Outpatient Surgery Center• Peachtree Dunwoody Outpatient Surgery Center• Sandy Springs Outpatient Surgery Center• Tower Outpatient Surgery Center• Alpharetta Outpatient Surgery Center• Decatur Urology Outpatient Surgery Center
Northside/Holly Springs 684 Sixes Road Holly Springs, GA 30115 (Directly off of Hwy 575, Exit 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northside Hospital Cherokee• Northside Hospital Cherokee Outpatient Surgery Center• Towne Lake Outpatient Surgery Center
Northside Forsyth Hospital Parking Deck, P1 Level 1200 Northside Forsyth Drive Cumming, GA 30041	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northside Hospital Forsyth• Forsyth Outpatient Surgery Center• Surgical Care Center/1800 Surgical Care Center

WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR YOUR SCREENING TEST, PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW:

- Bring your **driver's license** or **state issued ID** to the testing site.
- **Remain in your vehicle**, a nurse will come to your vehicle to ask you screening questions and then perform a nasal swab for the COVID-19 screening test.

If you have questions about what day to come for screening, please follow the table below:

DAY OF SCHEDULED SURGERY	DAY TO GET SCREENED
Monday	Wednesday before your surgery
Tuesday	Thursday before your surgery
Wednesday	Friday before your surgery
Thursday	Monday before your surgery
Friday	Tuesday before your surgery
Saturday	Wednesday before your surgery

For questions related to testing or directions to the testing sites, please call **404-300-2792** or visit <https://northside.com/surgery> for information and maps.