

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. An appointment for screening will be scheduled at your convenience. Screening will be performed at our drive-thru testing site Monday – Friday. **You will need an appointment for testing**. Our drive-thru testing site is located convenient to our Northside Gwinnett and Northside Duluth facilities. Please go to the testing site designated below:

DESIGNATED LOCATION FOR TESTING	FACILITY WHERE YOUR SURGERY IS SCHEDULED:
Gwinnett Resource Center 655 Duluth Highway Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (Go to the right side of the building, entrance to testing site is located behind the building - look for the white tents)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northside Hospital Gwinnett Main Operating Room, Day Surgery, Cardiovascular Operating Room, Endoscopy, Cardiology and Interventional Radiology Services• Northside Hospital Duluth Main Operating Room, Outpatient Surgery, Endoscopy, and Interventional Radiology Services• Johns Creek Surgery 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 **678-312-2443** or visit <https://northside.com/surgery> for information and maps.