

Maternity COVID Testing Policy

(Effective June 1, 2021)

With the steady decline in COVID-19 cases in the region over the past month, and the increasing proportion of vulnerable individuals receiving COVID-19 vaccines, the Maternity leadership approved the following changes in protocols at TriHealth, effective 6/1/2021:

A negative/not detected COVID-19 test will NOT be required prior to delivery if the patient meets the following criteria:

- No symptoms of COVID-19
- Completion of a vaccination series SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 more than 15 days prior to the day of delivery (ex: if series completed on 4/1, day 15 = 4/15).
 - A vaccination series is defined as all recommended vaccines administered per the manufacturer
 - Pfizer and Moderna - 2 shot series
 - Johnson and Johnson - 1 shot
- Documentation of the vaccination series, which includes one of the following:
 - Completed CDC vaccination card or photo of card with 2nd form of identification
 - Documentation in TriHealth Epic (including Care Everywhere) of completed vaccination series

Other Considerations

- Physicians/Providers will maintain the authority to order COVID-19 testing on patients under their care, which includes but is not limited to:
 - Patients who HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED
 - High-risk procedures
 - Patients w/recent exposure to COVID-19-positive individuals
 - Symptomatic patients, regardless of vaccine status
 - Immune suppressed individuals who may not respond to vaccines
- Physicians/Providers intending to order COVID-19 testing prior to delivery will make every effort to direct the patient to be collected and tested 72-96 hours prior to a scheduled delivery or at the time of an admission for a non-scheduled delivery, which is the same as the current testing practice.



For maternity patients who HAVE NOT received their COVID-19 vaccine series, the following protocols remain in place.

- Patients who are scheduled for a Cesarean Delivery or Induction of Labor must have COVID-19 testing completed 72-96 hours prior to the scheduled date.
- You are encouraged to schedule testing to allow time for test results to be processed before your admission. If results are not received, due to weekend lag times, you may be asked to retest upon arrival at the hospital.
- Your OB provider will place an order and direct you to the nearest TriHealth testing location.
- All other patients will be tested upon presentation for delivery once admitted.
- Patients who refuse testing will be treated as COVID-positive.
 - Patients who decline testing will be unable to visit an infant that is admitted to the Special Care Nursery or NICU for at least 10 days.
 - Patients who decline testing will be unable to use the nursery and baby will remain in the room with the mother.
 - Patients who decline testing will receive meals on special trays per COVID protocols.
 - Patients who decline testing and request circumcision will not be able to access the nursery, and an alternate room location will be arranged.
- If you have tested COVID-positive (documented test result in chart) within the past three months and continue to be symptom-free, you will not need to be retested at the time of delivery.