



Pre-Surgical/Pre-Procedural COVID-19 Testing Requirements Updated 5/3/2021

With the steady decline in COVID19 cases in the region over the past month, and the increasing proportion of vulnerable individuals receiving COVID19 vaccines, the Surgical and Infectious Disease leadership approve the following changes in protocols at TriHealth, **effective 6/1/2021:**

A negative/not detected COVID19 test will NOT be required prior to surgery/procedure if the patient meets the following criteria:

- No symptoms of COVID
- Completion of a vaccination series SARS-CoV-2/COVID19 and no sooner than day 15 (ex: if series completed on 4/1, day 15 = 4/15) after the completion of the vaccine series and the day of surgery/procedure
 - 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

High-risk and/or Clinically Indicated Surgery/Procedure:

- Physicians/Providers will maintain the authority to order COVID19 testing on patients under their care, which includes but is not limited to:
 - High-risk procedures (i.e. cardiothoracic surgery)
 - Patients w/recent exposure to COVID19-positive individuals
 - Symptomatic patients, regardless of vaccine status
 - Immune suppressed individuals who may not respond to vaccines
- Physicians/Providers intending to order COVID19 testing prior to surgery/procedure will make every effort to direct the patient to be collected and tested prior to the day of the surgery/procedure **which is the same as the current testing practice**

Approved by:

TriHealth COVID-19 Command Center