

COVID-19 Testing

Midwest Orthopedic at Rush is implementing new guidelines for all asymptomatic surgical patients, for the safety of patients and staff.

What are Symptoms of COVID-19?

- Fever (including *subjective fever and chills*)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- New loss of smell and taste.

What is the process to get tested before surgery?

- Patients scheduled for surgery/procedure will be called from a Rush Facility to schedule a COVID-19 test to be completed within 72 hours of the surgery/procedure. Rush has 3 testing locations: Rush University Medical Center Drive-Through, RUMC Peds and Family Testing, Rush Oak Park Drive-Through, and Rush Oak Brook Drive-Through.

What if I cannot drive to one of those facilities?

- Patients can be tested at an alternative testing facility outside of Rush, but this must be done 72 hours prior to the date of surgery. Results must be received by the provider 1 day prior to the surgery/procedure.

What if I don't get tested?

- For the safety of patients and staff, your surgery will be cancelled by Dr. Nicholson.

What if I miss the deadline to get the COVID-19 test?

- Contact the office at #312-432-2351 to discuss options, but surgery will likely need to be rescheduled.

When will I know the results of the test?

- Dr. Nicholson will be notified for any positive tests prior to surgery. His staff will relay to the patient if the test is positive and make steps to reschedule surgery.

What should I do if I **DO NOT** get a call from Rush to get COVID-19 tested?

- Call Dr. Nicholson's Office at #312-432-2351 and his staff will assist in scheduling the test.

Testing Locations, Instructions and Hours of Operations:

RUMC Drive Through

Address: N/A (Alley behind 600 S. Paulina, Chicago)

Instructions:

- The testing site is accessible via Harrison Street, by entering the alley between Professional Office Building (POB) and Armour Academic. (Under the Pink Line "L" track)
- Patient should call 312-942-2051 five minutes prior to arrival.
- If patient starts to develop symptoms, they should call their physician or the 24/7 line to talk with a nurse (888)-352-7874.

Hours: Monday through Sunday: 7a-7p

RUMC Peds and Family Testing

Address: 600 S. Paulina, Chicago

Instructions:

- Clinic has reserved parking for patients on the street.
- Patient should call 312-942-2051 five minutes prior to arrival.
- If patient starts to develop symptoms, they should call their physician or the 24/7 line to talk with a nurse (888)-352-7874.

Hours: Monday through Saturday: 7:30a-3:00p. Closed Sunday.

Rush Oak Park Drive Through

Address: 520 Wisconsin Ave, Oak Park

Instructions:

- The testing location is at the old ER off of Madison at 520 Wisconsin
- Patients should not arrive to the appointment more than 5 minutes early
- If patient starts to develop symptoms, they should call their physician or the 24/7 line to talk with a nurse (888)-352-7874.

Hours: Monday through Friday: 8a-8p, Saturday: 8a-12p. Closed Sunday.

Rush Oak Brook Drive Through

Address: 2011 York Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523

Instructions:

- The testing location is the valet driveway in front of the building (North side of building). Patient will pull into the valet drive and pull up as close to the valet stand as possible.
- Patients should not arrive to the appointment more than 5 minutes early
- If patient starts to develop symptoms, they should call their physician or the 24/7 line to talk with a nurse (888)-352-7874.

Hours: Monday through Friday: 8a-3p. Closed Saturday and Sunday.