



## **SURGERY CENTER**

2750 South River Road  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018  
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# **Patient Instructions for Pre-Surgery Covid-19 Testing**

## **COVID-19 RT-PCR test**

Per the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), we are required to test you utilizing the RT-PCR test for Covid-19 within 3 days of your surgery/procedure.

We need to perform this test on a specific day in order to have received the test results prior to your procedure/surgery.

Please bring your insurance card and picture ID (preferably a drivers' license)

This test requires you to produce sputum and spit it into a sterile container. This specimen is sent for Covid-19 testing.

You are having your test at: Surgery Center drive-up your doctor's office (please circle). Your Covid-19 test day is \_\_\_\_\_. **You cannot come on any other day but the day you are given. If it is at your doctor's office, you may be given a time.**

*The Uropartners Surgery Center Covid-19 testing is a 'drive-up' testing center. It is **ONLY** for patients having surgery at our surgery center within 3 days of their procedure or surgery. It is not for family or friends. There are no bathroom facilities at the testing site.*

The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8 AM- 4PM and Saturday/Sunday 11 AM- 2 PM.

You will receive the date of your testing from Karen the P.A.T. RN. You will also receive a text message or e-mail on the day of your test as a reminder. **There are no appointments at the Uropartners Surgery Center Drive-up testing site.**

**This test requires you to spit into a receptacle: see instructions below. Please be prepared to do this.**

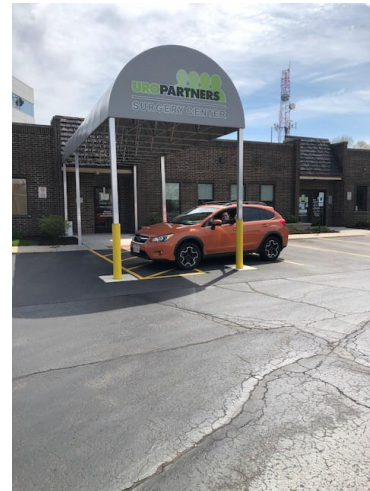
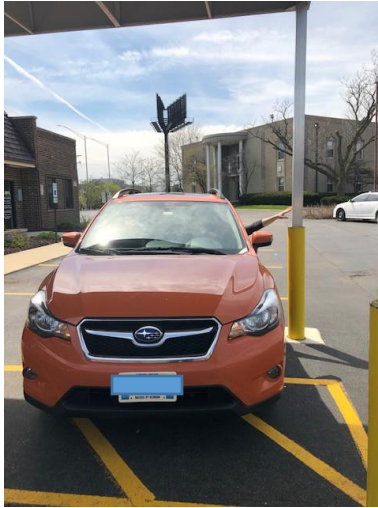
1. Please drink plenty of water before arrival.
2. Deep breathing helps loosen secretions and bring them to the back of the throat and will help in collecting a good sample.
3. Rinse mouth with plain water. This will help in reducing cross contaminates of microbes found in the mouth.
4. Perform 3 deep breaths and cough, expectorating the sputum into container. If the staff person tells you, you did not produce an adequate sample on the first try, you will continue to cough until you're able to spit enough to be tested.



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**1. Please drive under the awning and press the doorbell. After ringing the door bell, move under the awning another 2 feet (approximately).**



**2. Within a minute, the UroPartners Surgery Center staff member will come out, take your insurance card and photo ID to make a copy. You will also be asked to sign a consent for this Covid-19 testing. At this point, she will ask you to start deep breathing to loosen secretions.**

**3. This staff member will then ask you to spit and keep spitting into the container until enough spit/sputum is collected. Once collected, you are done and may leave the testing site. Your picture ID and Insurance Card will be returned.**

**4. The staff member will remind you of your surgery/procedure date and that an RN will be contacting you the day before to perform another Covid-19 assessment and give you additional instructions.**

**We will only contact you if the test result is positive.**

**A positive result will cause the surgery center to postpone your surgery until you have two (2) negative Covid-19 tests following treatment and being quarantined per your primary care physician treatment plan.**