



COVID-19 TESTING

PRE-SURGERY COVID-19 TESTING

During this COVID-19 outbreak, Ankeny Medical Park Surgery Center (AMPSC) has been working to provide the safest possible process and care to our patients.

Patients are only required to complete a PCR COVID-19 test if you are experiencing respiratory symptoms or if you have had a known exposure in the past 10 days. **Timing is critical to this process; it is required that your test and results occur within 72 hours of your surgery.** If your test results are delayed due to a high demand of tests across the country, you may be asked to retest. We apologize ahead of time if this should occur, but please be rest assured that this step is taken to protect the health and well-being of all involved in your surgery, including you.

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The COVID-19 testing will measure specific markers to determine whether you are currently infected with COVID-19.

COVID – 19 TEST PROCESS

A member of the surgery team will contact you to schedule a drive through test. During your designated time, you will be asked to roll down a window and a nasal swab will be inserted into each naris. The surgery center will send your specimen to UnityPoint Health - Des Moines for processing and we should receive the results within 48 -72 hours of testing. If you test positive for COVID-19 we will contact you to cancel your surgery.

Critically important: Once you are tested, it is recommended that you stay home until procedure, as able, and wear a mask if in public locations.

If test result is negative - You will proceed as directed.

If test result is positive – Your surgery will be cancelled. Contact your primary care provider and self-quarantine under their guidance. You will need to contact the appropriate office to reschedule your procedure a minimum of 21 days post positive test date.

If you miss or are late for your scheduled COVID-19 appointment, you will experience a delay and/or cancellation of your surgery.

Q&A

Does my insurance cover the test? Medicare and most major insurance providers in Iowa are covering COVID-19 testing, however, we always recommend calling your insurance provider to confirm.

What if I have already been tested? You will still need to be tested within our guidelines as a process of your pre-surgery procedure.

What if my test results are positive? You may be infected with COVID-19. Contact your primary care provider and self-quarantine under their guidance.

What kind of testing will I do: Your test will be done in both nares. The nasal swab will be inserted in both the left and right nares.

Who is providing the 3rd party testing? UnityPoint Health - Des Moines