

## **Pre-Procedure COVID-19 Testing for Patients Not Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19 (eff 8/2/21)**

For your safety and the safety of others, NL EMMC requires most surgical and procedural patients ***who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to undergo a COVID-19 test prior to their procedure***. The test must be done within a 3-day window prior to your procedure. If you are identified as an unvaccinated patient undergoing a procedure defined as aerosol generating, EMMC's Surgical Navigation department will order the test and call you about 7 days prior to your surgery or procedure to assist you in planning for your COVID19 test. ***Fully vaccinated patients do not need a pre-procedural COVID-19 test and therefore will not receive a phone call about COVID-19 testing.***

***NOTE: If you are going to be inpatient following your procedure, you will need to have a COVID19 test at the time of admission to the hospital. This includes fully vaccinated patients.***

To ensure we receive your result in a timely fashion, please use a Northern Light testing facility, if possible. This helps minimize the potential of not having a result when you arrive on the day of your procedure. Lack of a result could lead to a delay or postponement of your procedure. **It is critical that you have your test done within the 3 days prior to your surgery or procedure! If you test outside that timeframe, we will call and ask that you be retested so please be sure you are within the 3-day window!** Example: if you are scheduled for a surgery on Monday, your test cannot be done prior to Friday of the previous week.

Below is some information that should help you in planning for your COVID19 test. When a Surgical Navigation staff calls you regarding your COVID19 test about a week prior to your procedure, they will go over this information with you and help to help you decide the best plan for your test.

- **BANGOR AREA TESTING LOCATIONS/DAYS/TIMES ARE:**
  - ***NL LAB DRAW STATION located at 915 Union Street***, Suite 4 of the Healthcare Mall open Monday - Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.
  - ***NL LAB DRAW STATION located at 417 State Street***, 110 Webber West on the NL EMMC State Street campus open Monday - Friday 6:30 am to 5:00 pm
  - ***NL PHARMACY located at 210 State Street***, Bangor **open for pre-procedural swabs only on Saturdays & Sundays 9:00 am to 7:00 pm**
  - PLEASE NOTE: For any of the Bangor area testing locations, you must call 1-888-973-8900 to pre-register for your test
- **PORTLAND AREA TESTING LOCATION**
  - NL Mercy Hospital Fore River campus, please call 207-553-6050 to pre-register. They are open daily from 9am-6pm.
- **ALL OTHER AREAS TESTING LOCATIONS**
  - For any other NL swabbing location nearest you, our staff will provide you with locations, days, and times available when we call you about your COVID19 test. We will also provide you with any instructions about pre-registering at that time.

You will receive the result of your test the morning of your surgery unless your result is positive. If it is positive, you will be contacted by your surgeon or PCP office soon after the result is reviewed. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you the very best of care! Your safety and the safety of all our patients and our staff matter greatly to us. We truly appreciate your cooperation and patience with our COVID-19 testing process. If you have any questions, please to reach out to NL EMMC Surgical Navigation at 973-5456. Thank you.