

COVID Testing for Pre- Surgical Patients

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Who needs to be tested?

All Pre-surgical patients (who are not Level 1-4) who require anesthesia services.

Surgeons should contact their patients who are scheduled for surgery to inform them they will need to be tested and that they will be contacted to schedule the test.

How do patients get scheduled to be tested?

All pre surgical patients who are seen in PASS or scheduled 72 hours in advance – the PASS clinic/anesthesia team will handle the ordering of the test and 2 dedicated schedulers (scheduling hub) will call patients and coordinate their appointments with the sites below:

- 1) Duke Family Medicine drive by location for testing on the corner of Erwin and Trent Drive. (Physical address: 2100 Erwin Road, Durham, NC).
Hours **M-F 8Am to 7 PM, Sat and Sun currently 10A – 4 P** (weekends may evolve in timing)
- 2) For wake county the location is 3300 Executive drive, Raleigh.
Hours **M-F 8Am to 5 PM, Sat and Sun currently 10A – 4 P** (weekends may evolve in timing)

For pre surgical patients scheduled for surgery/procedure in **less than 72 hours**, you can

- 1) Order the test yourself (lab 9990 for outpatient asymptomatic pre surgical patients) and have your scheduler call **919 620 1294** to obtain an appointment time for the above drive by locations for testing, then call and inform the patient of their appointment.
- 2) If you have any questions or concerns about ordering the test, you can contact the PASS clinic or local pre-op testing (DRH or DRaH) or Wendy Webster/Dr. Michael Lipkin

Script for communication with the patient by schedulers (Below is what the schedulers are communicating with the patients)

" Dear Sir/Madam, you are scheduled for surgery or a procedure at DUHS. To undergo surgery or procedure on your scheduled date, you are required to have a COVID negative test within 72 hours prior to your scheduled surgery. We have arranged for you to undergo testing at our drive by location on [[[Durham County patients Pickens Family Medicine, Wake County location Executive drive, MOB 9]]] at 'abc' time. Please ensure you are tested at the appointed time or your surgery or procedure may need to be rescheduled."

Points that may help schedulers with patient questions:

1. Patients from outside DUHS immediate area will still have to undergo testing at one of the two Duke locations, testing at their local areas will not be accepted.*(we just heard Dr Datto may be ok with labs done at [Quest](#), [LabCorp](#) and [Mayo](#). But these do need to be resulted in the 72 hours preceding their surgery)
2. Turnaround time for results is 24-48 hours.
3. What if I become symptomatic after my test? Call your surgeon/procedural office
4. What if I do not get the test? You will be rescheduled