

Information for patients having surgery during COVID-19

Over the last few months, we have made significant changes throughout the hospital to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure the safety of patients and staff. We are confident in the precautionary measures our frontline teams are taking and remain committed to safe, high-quality care. In preparation for your surgery, please review the information below and contact your doctor with any questions.

Monitor your symptoms. Immediately notify your surgeon's office if you or anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms such as:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle aches

A full list of symptoms is available on the Trillium Health Partners website at www.trilliumhealthpartners.ca/covid-19.

Get a COVID-19 test. For patient and staff safety, all patients are required to have a COVID-19 test prior to surgery. You will be contacted by the THP registration department to schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to your surgery. Testing will take place at the drive-through assessment centre at the Credit Valley Hospital (please see map). It is important that you attend your appointment as scheduled, as your surgery will be cancelled without the test. If you receive a positive test result your surgeon will be in contact with you to discuss next steps which may include rescheduling your surgery.

On the day of your surgery:

- Plan to have someone drop you off at the patient and visitors entrance, where you will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms
- Since everyone entering the hospital has to pass screening, this may take some time. Because of this, we recommend that you give yourself ample time and arrive early
- A mask will be provided to you at the entrance
- Once you have passed screening, report to Patient Registration
- If at all possible, avoid taking public transportation

Visitors Our temporary Visitors Policy allows 1 visitor or support person for high risk surgery only. If you require a translator, 1 visitor will be permitted in the immediate pre-operative period.

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COVID-19 Drive-Thru Assessment Centre at Credit Valley Hospital

