



RUSH SURGICENTER | 1725 W HARRISON ST SUITE 556 CHICAGO, IL 60612

Dear valued patient,

We look forward to caring for you throughout your surgical experience at Rush SurgiCenter, as your safety is our utmost concern. In response to the current circumstances of COVID-19, the Illinois Department of Health is requiring all surgical patients to have a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours prior to their procedure. From the time you are tested until you arrive at Rush SurgiCenter on the day of your surgery, you must follow self-quarantine guidelines.

Below are answers to commonly asked questions about the **COVID-19 test**:

- **What is the test?** The test is a swabbing within your nostrils. The swab is only inserted to the point of resistance and not as deeply as previous testing.
- **Why is it needed?** The Illinois State Department of Health requires this for all surgical patients prior to surgery to minimize further spread of the disease.
- **How will it be billed?** Your health insurance carrier will be billed and you will not be charged for test. There is no charge to the patient as you will not be charged deductibles and copays for COVID -19 testing.
- **How will it be scheduled?** A representative from the RUSH will contact you directly to schedule the day and time for your test.
- **When will I be tested?** The test must be performed within 72 hours before your scheduled surgery.
- **Where will the testing occur?** You will be provided directions to the testing site and remain in your car during the swabbing test. The site is a tent in the alley between the Book Store (600 S Paulina) and the Rush Professional Building (1725 W Harrison St.)
- **Can I get the test from a non-RUSH provider?** Yes, but if you are tested outside of RUSH, you will have the responsibility of providing the Rush SurgiCenter with the formal test results 24 hours prior to your surgery and the test cannot be performed more than 72 hours before your surgery. Some testing locations have longer test result windows than others so please account for this if you choose a non-RUSH site.
- **What happens if I have a positive COVID-19 test?** Self-quarantine. If you were tested at RUSH, a representative from RUSH Infectious Disease will contact you with next steps. If the results are from an outside facility, please contact us IMMEDIATELY (call 312-563-2904 or email preopnurse@rushsurgicenter.org).

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.