

Updated Penn Medicine Guidelines for Pre-procedure SARS-CoV-2 Testing, version 10.2.20

Patient location	SARS-CoV-2 test result	Patient symptom status	Infection Control and Clearance Criteria	SARS-CoV-2 Pre-procedure test strategy
Outpatient*	Negative	Asymptomatic	Perform procedure as scheduled using Standard precautions and non-COVID OR/procedure room	RETEST for SARS-CoV-2 if an additional outpatient procedure is to be performed more than <u>3 days</u> from the last negative SARS-CoV-2 test [#]
	Positive	Asymptomatic	Defer the procedure or perform the procedure in COVID OR/procedure room until the following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 days from test date AND • Patient remains asymptomatic throughout 	Do not perform routine pre-procedure SARS-CoV-2 testing for at least <u>6 months</u> from the initial positive test date
	Positive	Pre-symptomatic or symptomatic	Defer the procedure or perform the procedure in COVID OR/procedure room until the following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 days** have passed since the symptoms first appeared AND • At least 1 day has passed from the last fever AND • Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) are improved 	Do not perform routine pre-procedure SARS-CoV-2 testing for at least <u>6 months</u> from the initial positive test date

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Inpatient	Negative on admission	Asymptomatic	Standard precautions and perform the procedure in a non-COVID OR/procedure room	<p>If the initial procedure is <u>within 7 days</u> of the admission test, DO NOT RETEST for SARS-CoV-2</p> <p>If an additional procedure(s) is to be performed between <u>hospital day 8 to 14</u>, REPEAT the SARS-CoV-2 test ONCE within 2 days before the additional procedure</p> <p>DO NOT REPEAT asymptomatic pre-procedure SARS-CoV-2 testing if more than <u>14 days</u> have elapsed from the initial inpatient test date^{##}</p>
	Not tested on admission	Asymptomatic	Standard precautions and perform the procedure in a non-COVID OR/procedure room	Do not perform routine pre-procedure SARS-CoV-2 testing for at least <u>6 months</u> from the initial positive test date ⁺
	Positive on admission or on retesting	Asymptomatic, pre-symptomatic, or symptomatic	Defer the procedure or perform the procedure in COVID OR/procedure room until the patient meets time- and symptom-based criteria for clearance of COVID-19 infection (i.e., at least 10 or at least 20 days from the positive test date, depending on severity of illness)	

Footnotes

* Obtain routine-pre procedure test within 3 day of an outpatient procedure

Consult with your entity Infection Control or Perioperative Services designee if modification of the 3-day retest window is being requested for hardship reasons

** For highly immunocompromised patients, use at least 20 days from the date of symptom onset/positive test

The inpatient pre-procedure retest window extends only to 14 days from the initial negative (admission) test, corresponding to the maximal incubation period of COVID-19 infection.

+ New Jersey Executive Directive 20-018 requires retesting each previously infected patient pre-procedure (specimen collected and result received) **once 6 weeks** have passed from the initial test date.