

# Resumption of Elective Surgery for Patients

April 30, 2020

## **Is it now safe to perform procedures and surgeries at Saint John?**

**Yes.** Saint John continues to focus on patient safety as our teams gradually ease mitigation efforts in a safe, cautious and incremental manner. All surgery patients will be required to go through a preoperative screening process supported by public health experts. Patients are encouraged to consult with their physicians to address questions about the best timing for scheduling a specific procedure or surgery.

## **May I schedule a surgery for myself or a family member? If so, when?**

**Yes.** Outpatient elective same day surgeries will resume on Monday, May 11th, 2020. The department will be open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, patients are encouraged to contact their physician’s office or the Saint John Outpatient Surgery department at 913-680-6455.

## **What is the Patient Preoperative Screening Process?**

All elective surgery patients will be tested for COVID-19. A patient’s physician is required to order the test which must occur 48 hours prior to the procedure or surgery. On-site testing is available at Saint John Pavilion.

Patients testing negative will be required to self-isolate at home in the days prior to surgery. Please see our “*Tips for Self-Isolation prior to Surgery*”. Upon return to the hospital for surgery, patients will be screened and temperature assessed prior to entering the building.

Patients testing positive will have their procedure or surgery rescheduled to a later date when they are no longer at risk for spreading the virus. These patients will be required to repeat the preoperative screening process and be retested prior to procedure or surgery.

## **Are visitors allowed during my surgery?**

**No.** In support of continual efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, no visitors are allowed in the outpatient surgery area. Individuals transporting the patient will be asked to remain in their vehicles and will be notified by phone when the patient is ready for discharge.

## **Do I need a mask during my visit to the hospital?**

**Yes.** All patients are required to wear a mask prior to entrance into the Pavilion.