



Surgery Center at River Road

COVID-19 Testing- Patient Information

COVID-19 testing is required prior to all elective surgeries. In order to keep our patients and staff safe during this time, Surgery Center at River Road will be doing a “drive up” testing clinic in the southeast corner of the parking lot (see image) marked by orange construction cones. It is imperative you arrive at the Surgery Center during the allotted timeframe so specimens can be efficiently obtained by staff and sent to the laboratory on the same day. If you will not be arriving at the Surgery Center within the required timeframe please call 520-382-1084 and your SURGERY will be required to be rescheduled for a different date by your surgeon’s office.

How to prepare for your test:

- Arrive to the Surgery Center according to the following schedule:
 - Monday surgeries: specimen collected the prior Thursday between 8-9 am
 - Tuesday surgeries: specimen collected the prior Friday between 8-9 am
 - Wednesday surgeries: specimen collected the prior Friday between 9-10 am
 - Thursday surgeries: specimen collected the prior Monday between 8-9 am
 - Friday surgeries: specimen collected the prior Monday 9-10 am

What is required for your test:

- Image of your driver’s license (front and back)
- Image of your health insurance card (front and back)

You may send this required documentation via fax at 520-615-4572 or via email to laurie@surgerytucson.com.

If you have not sent this information to the Surgery Center prior to the testing day, a staff member will take images on the Surgery Center’s iPad and they will be transferred into the Surgery Center’s billing system via HIPAA secure email. This iPad is protected Surgery Center property, not personal property of any staff member.

- Signed acknowledgment form for testing (you may send this form in advance, as above, or you may sign when the test is collected).

What to expect for the specimen collection day:

- Remain in your vehicle, parked in a space marked by an orange construction cone (southeast corner of the office park parking lot).
- A staff member will approach your vehicle with all necessary PPE (personal protective equipment) in place and verify your name, date of birth and allergies.
- The test sample will be collected as required by CDC guidelines in accordance with the laboratory’s required test information and supplies. (Sample will either be obtained through your nostrils or by swabbing the back of your throat depending upon laboratory supplies available).



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- Identifying stickers will be placed on your specimen and sent to the laboratory the same day of collection.
- NOTE: the laboratory processing the specimen will bill your insurance company for the test. If you are a self-pay patient, you will receive the bill from the laboratory, not the Surgery Center.

What to expect following the specimen collection:

- You MUST self-quarantine for the entire time following specimen collection until the date of surgery. This is to prevent you having any possible exposure to COVID-19 after the sample is collected.
- Results will be reviewed by the ordering physician once available.
 - If your test result is positive, you will be notified and given additional instructions at that time.
 - If your result is negative, surgery will proceed on the requested surgical date. You will not receive an additional phone call.
 - If your specimen results are unavailable prior to the requested surgical date/time, you will be notified and your surgery will be postponed until specimen results become available.
- You will receive a phone call 1-2 days prior to surgery to discuss your medical history in detail, receive detailed instructions on how to prepare for surgery. You may also view our website for detailed information at www.surgerytucson.com.

What to expect on your surgical day during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Surgery Center at River Road has implemented multiple additional protocols to keep our patients, staff and visitors as protected as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Please notify the Surgery Center at 520-382-1084 if you develop a fever, symptoms of a respiratory illness or if you are feeling ill.
 - No visitors will be allowed to wait in the Surgery Center. Please let your responsible adult driver know they will receive a phone call once you arrive in the Recovery Room with details on the time for picking you up.
 - Your temperature will be taken when you arrive and you will be required to fill out a COVID-19 screening questionnaire.

Please contact the Surgery Center at 520-382-1084 if you have any questions or concerns.



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COVID-19 TESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand that COVID-19 testing is a requirement prior to surgery and I agree to have an employee of Surgery Center at River Road collect the specimen to be sent to a commercial laboratory for testing.

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I understand that the laboratory processing the specimen, not Surgery Center at River Road, will be billing my insurance company and/or me for payment.

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I understand that I must quarantine, and agree to do so, until my surgical date to avoid possible exposure to COVID-19 following testing and prior to surgery.

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I understand that I will be contacted by an employee of Surgery Center at River Road with further instructions if my test result is positive for COVID-19.

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I understand that I will be contacted by an employee of Surgery Center at River Road if my test results are not available prior to surgery and my surgery will be rescheduled.

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Patient Signature

Date

Witness