



COVID 19 Safety Measures

In order to stay safe from contracting COVID 19 it is important for you to follow these measures;

- Maintain the [social distancing](#) recommendations of at least **6 feet** when you are out in public
- Wear a [face cover](#) that covers both your **nose and mouth** when you are in public when social distancing might not be possible
- [Keep your hands clean](#) by wash your hands often with **soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, or use at least a **60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer**
 - Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
 - After you take off your mask the first thing you should do is clean your hands. **The mask is DIRTY**
- [Stay away](#) from people who are **sick**. Try to avoid being in the same room or home with someone who is displaying signs of having COVID 19
 - If you have contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID or a person with symptoms consistent with COVID 19, you must **quarantine yourself** and immediately inform the healthcare provider performing the procedure
- [If you develop any symptoms](#) consistent with COVID-19 or a positive test for COVID-19, you must **isolate yourself** in your home and immediately inform the healthcare provider performing the procedure

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Runny Nose
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- If you have [traveled out of New York State](#) in the past 14 days (or plan to travel out of state prior to your procedure), notify the healthcare provider performing the procedure. You may be required to quarantine for 14 days

5 Days prior to your procedure:

- All patients undergoing procedures in New York State must be tested for COVID 19 prior to their procedure
 - You will be given a prescription for [COVID 19 molecular nasopharyngeal swab](#) test and instructed to get the test **5 days prior (or as directed by your physician)** to your procedure. You can go to Northwell Urgent Care, Prohealth Urgent Care or CityMD
 - If you refuse to get tested you will not be scheduled for a procedure
 - If you fail to get tested during this time period, your procedure will be cancelled
 - If you test positive for COVID 19 your procedure will be cancelled
 - If you have a history of a positive test for COVID 19 your procedure will be rescheduled at least 21 days later after testing positive for COVID and if you are symptom free. In addition, you will still need to conduct the COVID 19 molecular assay test 5 days prior to your future procedure

Day of Procedure:

- **DO NOT come to the Star Surgical Suites** if you develop any of the above mention symptoms or if you have tested positive for COVID 19 prior to your procedure, notify your gastroenterologist immediately.
- **DO NOT come to the Star Surgical Suites** if you have had contact with a person that was diagnosed with COVID 19 or who displayed symptoms of COVID 19 within 14 days of your procedure, notify your gastroenterologist immediately
- **Your escort must wait in their car**
 - This is a strategy for social distancing within the ASC waiting area.
 - If you have special needs (legal guardian, cognitive dysfunction, disabilities, elderly patient etc.), prior arrangements must be made with the Center to get approval for your escort to enter the surgery center
- You must enter the surgery center **wearing a facemask that properly covers your nose and mouth**
 - Patients who arrive at the center without a mask will be given a mask to wear throughout their visit
- Prior to entering the surgery center, you will be **screen for COVID symptoms** and have **your temperature taken.**
- Prior to entering the surgery center we will ask you to **sanitize your hands**

Here is what we have done to ensure everyone's safety:

- [Health Screenings](#): All of our employees, medical staff, patients, and visitors are screened for a fever and COVID 19 symptoms before they are allowed to enter the building each and every day
- [Face Masking](#): We require all employees, medical staff, patients, and visitors to wear a mask while at Star Surgical Suites
- [Physical Distancing](#): We have rearranged our waiting room and clinical spaces so that patients, employees and medical staff can maintain appropriate physical distance. Even when physical distancing is not possible, the use of masks still provides necessary protection
- [COVID-19 Testing](#): All patients must test negative for COVID 19 prior to arriving to our facility
- [Visitor Restrictions](#): We have limited the number of visitors who can accompany a patient to only those whose presence is needed for safety reasons.
- [Hospital-grade cleaning protocols](#):
 - Nightly terminal clean down of the space using a CDC approved COVID disinfection agent is done by a team of specialized healthcare cleaning providers
 - Hourly clean down using a CDC approved COVID disinfection agent of high touch areas; waiting room, countertops, handles, bathrooms, phones, computers
 - After each patient encounter the pre operative, operative, and post operative space is thoroughly cleaned down using a CDC approved COVID disinfection agent
 - End of the day clean down using Victory Sprayers' patented electrostatic technology provides an electrical charge to solutions, allowing them to wrap conductive surfaces with an effective and even coverage using a CDC approved COVID disinfection agent