



PROCEDURE AND COVID UPDATES

COVID TESTING

*All patients that are scheduled for upper endoscopies (EGD, EUS, ERCP), upper motilities (EMS), and breath tests that are not **FULLY VACCINATED*** must have a negative Covid test within 72 hours if PCR test and within 48 hours if Rapid test. (Johns Creek Hospital only accepts PCR nasal swab – no Rapid test). No home tests are accepted at any locations.

***FULLY VACCINATED** now includes a **BOOSTER** shot if the original vaccinations were completed more than 5 months previously. There is no wait period after the booster although you may want to wait a couple of days in case you have side effects from the booster.

*Patients who test positive for Covid within 30 days of their procedure will need to have their procedure rescheduled for at least 30 days after symptom onset and/or positive test result. After that time period, asymptomatic **FULLY VACCINATED** patients will not need a Covid test. Those not **FULLY VACCINATED** will need a Covid test.

*Please bring copy of Covid test results or Vaccination record with you.

VISITOR POLICY

*Patients undergoing anesthesia in the ambulatory surgical center (ASC) will need their driver to check in with them at the desk.

*Patients being seen in clinic are allowed 1 visitor. No visitors under the age of 12.

MASKING

*A good fitting mask covering both nose and mouth (no gaiters) **MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES**

These guidelines are updated periodically as conditions evolve. Depending on how far out you were scheduled, you may have received different instructions at time of scheduling. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

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