

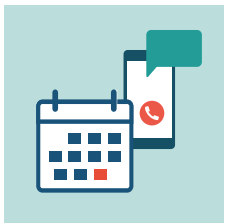
PREPARING FOR SURGERY

WHAT TO EXPECT



We have begun to gradually reintroduce surgeries delayed by COVID-19. It will take time to make up those surgeries cancelled or not scheduled due to COVID-19.

SCHEDULING SURGERIES



We are prioritizing surgeries based on needs and resources, with a focus on patients who had their surgery postponed. Your surgeon's office/booking staff will contact you with a surgery date when one is available.

GETTING READY FOR SURGERY



You will be given information about any testing/clinics that are needed (e.g. x-rays, blood work, pre-operative clinic). Some services may be offered virtually/by phone or be arranged for the day of your surgery. You should stay at home and avoid contact with others before surgery, to reduce your risk.

COVID-19 SCREENING & TESTING



You will be asked screening questions to see if you are at risk for COVID-19. Based on this screening and the surgery you are having, you may need to be tested for COVID-19. We will tell you where and when to be tested. Some patients will be tested the day of their surgery.

PLANNING FOR YOUR RECOVERY



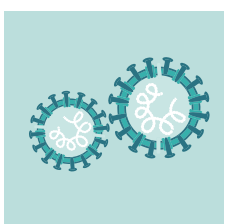
You will be asked if you have family or friends who can safely support you when you return home, or if you will require in-home support or nursing care. If help is needed our teams can connect you with Continuing Care to arrange for supports.

KEEPING YOU SAFE



The safety of our patients and health care team continues to be our priority:

- **If your condition changes while you are waiting for surgery please let your surgeon or primary health care provider know.**
- **Experiencing an emergency? Please call 911 or visit the nearest available emergency department.**
- We're following guidelines for personal protective equipment and cleaning.
- We've taken steps to support social distancing in our clinics, waiting rooms, registration areas and recovery rooms.
- Visitation guidelines are in place to help prevent the spread of illness.



COVID-19 is still a big concern for our health system and our communities. We must remain cautious and ready to respond. As we reintroduce services we are prepared for the possibility that COVID-19 cases will increase. If this happens we may need to limit services once again. Every attempt will be made to avoid postponing scheduled surgeries, but there is a chance this could occur.