

SOP's for Virtua Inpatient Pre-Procedure Testing for COVID-19 For hospitals on EPIC:

There is an inpatient order in EPIC for COVID-19 testing. It requires you to specify the reason for testing. Please specify "Preop" as the reason. These tests are run at Voorhees Division and may take as long as 8 hours for a test result to be available in EPIC. If you specify "Preop" as the reason for testing, the patient will not be listed as "COVID suspect" and will not require quarantine.

For hospitals not currently on EPIC:

Please call the Lab to request COVID-19 testing and specify that it is a "Preop" test. The lab will arrange the test. These tests may be run either at Voorhees or at VOLOL Camden.

Important:

If you have the time to wait for the result of the test before doing the procedure, please wait for the result. If a patient has a positive test, cancel the procedure if possible and consult ID. Patients with COVID-19 are at higher risk for post-procedure complications.

If the procedure is too urgent to wait for the results, go ahead and be guided by the patient's screening results. Patients who screen negative may have their procedures in non-COVID procedural areas with N95 (or equivalent) masks and eye protection. Patient who screen positive should have their procedures in designated COVID-19 procedural areas with full PPE and COVID-19 protocols.