

Important Safety Information About Your Endoscopic Procedure At MGH Blake 4 or Charles River Plaza (CRP) 9

The safety of our patients, visitors and staff is a top priority and we have added several measures to minimize the risk of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Testing

Patients undergoing the following procedure(s) must obtain a nasal swab PCR COVID test **48-72 hours** prior to their procedure:

- Upper GI endoscopy/EGD
- Colonoscopy combined with an Upper GI Endoscopy
- Colonoscopy (with General Anesthesia)
- ERCP or Endoscopic Ultrasound
- Small Bowel Enteroscopy

If your procedure is not listed above and you were told that you need a COVID test, please schedule it. COVID tests can be scheduled at any Mass General Brigham (MGB) facility. If you prefer the test done elsewhere, fax the results back to **617-726-7657** or email us at MGHGIEFAX@mgh.harvard.edu. Your procedure might be cancelled if a nasal swab PCR COVID test is not done.

*Note: Testing is required even if you have been vaccinated for COVID-19.

COVID TEST RESULTS - We will contact you only in the event your COVID test is abnormal. You can obtain the results of your COVID test by visiting your patient gateway account. If you have any questions about your result, please call your endoscopy doctor.

Respiratory Symptoms

Please call **617-643-9231** if you develop any of the following symptoms within 72 hours of your procedure:

- Fever or feeling feverish
- New cough (not related to a chronic condition)
- Sore throat
- New runny nose / nasal congestion (not related to allergies)
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle aches
- New loss of smell or taste

Visitor/Escort Information

- One person/escort will be able to come up to the waiting room and remain until patient is done.
- An escort will be allowed to come directly up to the unit to pick up patients.
- All patients, visitors and staff are required to wear a surgical mask while in the building. You will be given a mask when you enter the building.
- All patients and escorts will be screened for COVID symptoms at check in by Unit Coordinators.