

# Important Safety Information About Your Endoscopic Procedure At Mass General Waltham Blue Building (Floor 4)

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](mailto: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

## **When You Arrive**

- The garage houses two buildings identified by color, **GREEN** and **BLUE**. Your procedure will take place in the **BLUE** building. As you enter the garage follow the signs up to **LEVEL P3**, please park on this level.

**MG Waltham Ambulatory Surgical Center: 781-487-6950.**

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- Upon entering the building, please use the provided hand sanitizer. All patients are required to wear a surgical mask while in the building. Please apply a new mask that is provided in lobby as you enter the building. Take the elevator to the 4th floor and proceed to the glass lobby.
- Due to the current COVID restrictions ONE visitor will be allowed to accompany you to the center.

## ***When you are Discharged***

- **Waltham:** *When you are ready for discharge, your ride will be called and told to return to the initial drop-off area on drop-off/pick-up area located on Level P3 of the Blue Building.*