

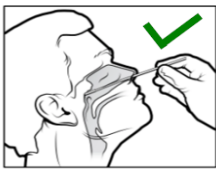
Important Safety Information About Your Endoscopic Procedure At MGH Blake 4 or Charles River Plaza (CRP) 9

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

For the health and safety of our patients and hospital staff, all patients undergoing an endoscopy procedure must get a **Nasopharyngeal (NP) PCR** test for COVID-19 within **48-72 hours** before the procedure. **We will not accept any other tests including Anterior Nares (AN), only NP PCR (see below).** We will contact you to schedule the test at the nearest Mass General Brigham (MGB) facility. *Note: Testing is required even if you have been vaccinated for COVID-19.

Nasopharyngeal (NP) PCR



Anterior Nares (AN)



Photo: CDC

- **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

- Please stay in your vehicle or outside the hospital.
- Notify the Endoscopy Unit that you have arrived by calling:
 - Blake 4 Endoscopy: **617-726-8084**
 - Charles River Plaza (CRP) 9: **617-726-0899**
- When you call, the Endoscopy Unit will ask some routine screening questions over the telephone.
- The Endoscopy Unit will then call you when they are ready for your procedure. **Please do not arrive in the endoscopy unit until you have been called.** After you arrive in the Endoscopy Unit, you will be brought into the procedural area by a nurse.
- 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.

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Visitor/Escort Information

- In order to comply with Massachusetts state regulations we must limit the number of people in the waiting room to ensure social distancing. If you desire, one escort may accompany you to the Endoscopy Unit but the person will not be permitted to stay.
- If you have special circumstances you feel require an escort to stay in the waiting room, please call your endoscopist at least 48 hours before your procedure to make special arrangements.
- **CRP:** *When you are ready for discharge, your escort will be contacted and you will be brought to the entrance of the Charles River Plaza building by one of our staff. Your escort/ride will be called and given an estimate time to meet you at the entrance to the building.*
- **BLAKE:** *When you are ready for discharge, you will be brought to the **Wang lobby** (see map below) to meet your escort/ride. Your escort/ride will be called and given an estimated time to meet you at the entrance to Wang building, off Parkman drive.*
 - *If your escort/ride needs to relay an urgent message please have them call **617-726-2333 x9802** otherwise the staff will call them. This number is not for updates, only to relay information on time for pick up.*

Drop off location for **Blake** patients only. Follow blue sign directing you to Wang Valet Parking and follow circle to the entrance.

