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
- 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 MGHGIEXFAX@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**

If you develop any COVID symptoms (see list below) **10 days** prior to your procedure it will need to be canceled. Please notify us ASAP by sending a Patient Gateway message or calling our office so we can reschedule. For further guidance on COVID related symptoms please contact your primary care physician.

- 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.