

# Pre-appointment Testing for COVID-19

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If your child is scheduled for a procedure or admission at a Seattle Children's location, they may need to be tested for COVID-19 before their procedure or admission. If testing is required, this handout explains what you can expect.

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## What happens next:

A member of our team will call you to conduct a phone screening for COVID-19. If testing is required after the phone screening, we will help you plan next steps and schedule your test in time before your procedure or admission.

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## Why is my child being tested?

To help limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community and to protect our patients, families, and workforce from infection, some patients are still required to be tested for COVID-19.

If the test is required for your child, failing to get tested may result in the surgery being cancelled or postponed.

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## What should we do after my child is tested?

As much as possible, your child should stay home and avoid contact with others. Wash hands regularly and especially before touching your face, eating or after using the restroom.

If your child has increased symptoms of the cold or flu (like a cough, fever or shortness of breath), call your primary care provider.

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## How will we find out the results of the test?

If you have a MyChart account, you will have access to your results in MyChart.

We will contact you before your scheduled visit only if your child tests positive for COVID-19. We will work with you to determine if the appointment will need to be postponed.

If the results are negative, you will not receive a call from us but are welcome to ask for the results at your visit.

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## Who do I call if I have questions?

Questions about your child's health should be directed to your child's primary care provider.

You can find more information about what Seattle Children's has done to prepare for COVID-19 by visiting [seattlechildrens.org](https://seattlechildrens.org).

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### To Learn More

- Ask your child's healthcare provider
- [seattlechildrens.org](https://seattlechildrens.org)

### Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line, 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.



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Seattle Children's offers free interpreter services for patients, family members and legal representatives who are deaf or hard of hearing or speak a language other than English. Seattle Children's will make this information available in alternate formats upon request. Call the Family Resource Center at 206-987-2201. This handout has been reviewed by clinical staff at Seattle Children's. However, your needs are unique. Before you act or rely upon this information, please talk with your healthcare provider.

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