



PHG COVID-19 Update: May 22

Dear Valued Providers

Below is important guidance for scheduling procedures and surgeries at a Premier Health facility.

All procedures/surgeries will require an order for COVID testing to be completed **3 days in advance of procedure/surgery**. Requiring all patients to be tested enhances the level of patient care, protects providers and staff and helps conserve personal protective equipment (PPE). As a reminder, all intubated patients are required to be COVID tested.

Epic Providers:

Place the COVID-19 test order directly through Epic. [View the tip sheet](#).

Non-Epic Providers:

There are three ways to order the COVID-19 test:

1. If you have an EMR that interfaces with CompuNet, order test with CompuNet (**test code 76964**)
2. Include **test code 76964** on the surgery reservation sheet or provide to the surgery scheduler when calling to schedule
3. Provide the patient with a paper order including **Test code 76964** to give to CompuNet at a test site. Please share [the patient friendly user guide](#) with patients for scheduling their COVID-19 test at a testing location of their choice.

If searching by the name of the test code **76964** - the name is SARS 2RNA CL Real Time RT PCR (for preop/elective and outpatient surgery/procedure).

If the **patient tests positive**, it is up to physician and anesthesiologist to determine if the procedure/surgery is performed. If a positive COVID-19 result is found, CompuNet will notify the ordering provider and the Ohio Department of Health.

If the **patient does not get the test**; the surgery/procedure may continue if agreed upon by physician and anesthesiologist and proper PPE is utilized.

If there are **questions regarding recommended PPE**, refer to the [proper PPE guidelines described here](#) to help keep you and the patient safe.

Yours sincerely,

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