

## Asymptomatic Pre-procedure COVID Testing

### Outpatient Pre-Procedure Testing:

- **SVMC will no longer require asymptomatic patients undergoing an outpatient procedure to obtain a COVID-19 test prior to coming to SVMC for their procedure.**
  - Policy applies to all patients, regardless of vaccination status, and all outpatient procedure types, MAC endoscopy procedures, interventional procedures etc.
  - Patients will continue to undergo screening for COVID-related symptoms during their pre-registration call, and upon entry into the hospital.
- **Asymptomatic patients who come to the hospital in labor or for a planned induction will have a Rapid PCR test, source anterior nares, upon admission to WCS.**
- **Pre-procedure testing guidelines for symptomatic patients will remain unchanged.**

### In-Patient Pre-Procedure Testing:

- **All patients undergoing in-patient procedures and outpatient to admits or emergency surgery will have a Rapid PCR test upon admission to the hospital. This is consistent with testing guidelines for all in-patients.**
- **Planned induction and C-Sections will have routine PCR on admission.**
- **Repeat testing not recommended for patients with positive Covid test within the past 90 days.**

### Provider and Patient Precautions:

- **Staff and providers should don N95 mask or equivalent for aerosolizing procedures including all intubations and extubations.**
- **Staff and providers should don routine PPE for all other procedures.**
- **Patients must remain masked at all time in the hallways, during transfers and as appropriate in their room.**
- **Vaccine and boosters against COVID-19 is the best protection for staff, provider and patient safety.**

*Policy changes approved by OR Governance, Infection Prevention, Obstetrics & Pediatrics*

*Reference: Vermont Department of Health COVID-19 Guidance for Inpatient & Outpatient Procedures dated March 30, 2021*