



Information about COVID-19 Testing For CCBD Parents

Dear CCBD Families,

As a precaution to protect our patients, families and staff, Children's National Hospital will be testing all patients for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) prior to scheduled procedures and admissions. COVID-19 can now be found widely in our communities. Children can be infected with coronavirus and show no outward signs of illness. Placing children infected with coronavirus under anesthesia and admitting them to receive chemotherapy may increase their risk of complications. Testing allows us to identify children infected with coronavirus so that we can either postpone their procedure or admission or take extra precautions to provide care for them in the safest way possible.

If your child has repeated outpatient procedures, repeated testing may be necessary for those procedures. If your child is admitted, repeat testing may be necessary if your child develops new symptoms.

FOR TESTING PRIOR TO ADMISSIONS AND PROCEDURES:

Our schedulers will arrange for your child's COVID-19 test to occur within a few days of your child's procedure or admission. The COVID-19 test only takes a few seconds to complete and consists of swabbing the inside of your child's nose or the back of the throat. After the test, you will be asked to return home and keep your child separated from anyone showing signs of illness until the day of their admission or procedure.

Test results will be available later in the day or the following day. If your child's test is positive, we will contact you immediately with further instructions, which may include rescheduling your child's procedure or admission. The decision to postpone or proceed with the scheduled procedure will be based on discussions with your medical team. Children whose test results are negative will not be contacted following the test and their admission or procedure will take place as planned.

FOR PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL REQUIRING REPEAT TESTING:

Your child will be tested by his or her nurse in the patient room. Depending on the severity of symptoms, your child may have one test or they may require two tests done at least 24 hours apart. If the medical team decides your child needs repeat testing, your child will be placed under isolation so that only a few members of the medical team and you as the caregiver can be with your child.



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It is important that during that time you and your child do NOT leave the room to reduce the risk to yourselves and others. Parents that leave while their child is under isolation will not be allowed back on the unit until test results are negative. Your medical team will let you know whether one or two tests are required for your child's symptoms and will inform you as soon as the results are back and the isolation precautions are lifted.

While we recognize that this may be an inconvenience during an already stressful time, we appreciate your compliance with this policy throughout the global pandemic. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in creating a safe environment for all patients, families, visitors and staff at Children's National.

Sincerely,

Your CCBD Care team