

Keeping Premier Endoscopy COVID-19 Free

In these challenging times, we are working hard to keep Premier Endoscopy completely safe. We are adjusting our plans and policies on a frequent basis to accommodate the changing environment.

Types of Cases

At this time, we are only accepting bookings for endoscopy and colonoscopy that are considered to be urgent. Each case is presented to the committee consisting of gastroenterologists, nurse managers and anesthesiologists. We want to ensure that all cases are safe and medically necessary at this difficult time.

We realize that even elective cases need to be done in the near future. We are working with national societies and local health departments to accomplish this goal as soon as possible.

Actions at Premier for Safety

- We plan to test all patients for COVID-19 approximately 3 days before every procedure. In addition, all patients are screened with a questionnaire regarding potential symptoms or exposure. Lastly, upon arrival all patients will have their temperature checked and only patients without fever we permitted into the facility.
- Staff will be tested on a regular basis for COVID-19. In addition, all staff will be screened for symptoms or exposure on a daily basis. Staff will not work at our facility if they have any respiratory symptoms or fever.
- We will be operating at a slower pace in order to create a separation between patients. This will allow significant social distancing within our workflow and protect patients and staff. In order to accommodate this we will likely be offering expanded hours.
- Our staff has been trained in the use of personal protective equipment. This includes masks, gloves, gowns and caps. We also have specific masks for patients for the procedure itself. All patients will wear a surgical mask at all other times in our facility.
- We have made adjustments physically within our center to accomplish social distancing. This includes where applicable sneeze guards and additional spacing between stretchers.
- We are asking that patients arrive with a single person accompanying them. We are asking that guests that are accompanying patients wait in their cars whenever possible. We are doing everything we can to run on time during this crisis but in some cases might ask patients to wait in the car for short while if there is a delay.
- Cleaning: We have a professional cleaning service that will clean our facility extensively every night. We have a policy in place that also cleans every section of our facility between every patient interaction. We are well stocked within the facility with cleaning supplies and disinfectants.
- Online Forms: Patient will have the option to review forms online prior to arrival to minimize exposure.

Our policies are aligned with the latest COVID-19 guidelines issued by the ACG, CDC, OSHA, DOH and local government.