

Surgeries and Procedures during COVID-19

For your health, and for the safety of staff, we want to ensure you minimize your chance of getting COVID-19 in the time leading up to your procedure or surgery. Please follow the instructions below to help you minimize your risk.

Self-isolate

Self-isolate for seven days if feasible to reduce the risk of viral infection in the immediate pre-operative period. If it's not feasible to be off work, then please ensure you abide by public health safety measures at all times, including physical distancing, masking in public, minimizing contacts and avoiding crowds. More information on self-isolation is available through [Public Health Ontario](#).

Hygiene

Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds. Disinfect commonly touched surfaces.

Day of Procedure or Surgery

- Plan to have someone drop you off at main entrance and a staff member will assist you. A hospital-issued mask will be provided to you. You will be expected to use this mask to cover your nose, mouth and chin for the duration of your time in the hospital, unless your provider asks you to remove it. The hospital-issued masks meet current guidelines for masking to prevent COVID transmission.

Visitors

In order to ensure the safety of our patients and staff, visitor restrictions are in place at Bluewater Health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We understand this is a difficult change, but it is an important precaution put in place to ensure the safety of all those at Bluewater Health, including our sickest and most vulnerable patients.