

ADULT PREPARE - EXPEDITED PATHWAYS FOR COVID TESTING BEFORE SURGERY

To support UCSF's recovery efforts and the need to conduct screening for COVID-19 for our patients undergoing surgery or an aerosol generating procedure, the Clinical Laboratory has defined the following **expedited** pathways for COVID testing. The **expedited** pathway for COVID testing should only be used on an exception basis, such as, unplanned surgical case/procedure or short notice cancellations.

Day Before Surgery/Procedure Testing

All asymptomatic COVID orders with a reason of **"surgery/procedure being performed in less than 3 days"** will be prioritized for processing by the laboratory to ensure results are available by the next morning. Patient who present at UCSF's Mt Zion RSC, Mission Bay or Parnassus ATCs, or LH Drive Thru for COVID testing with a priority of **"less than 2 days"** would have their sample routed to the main microbiology lab at China Basin, and results should be reported by 7 AM the following morning.

Ideally the patient will be scheduled for testing **early in the morning** at one of the UCSF ATCs or Laurel Heights Drive Thru, to ensure ample time for the Clinical Laboratory to process/ result the COVID test by 7AM the next day. Once again, the standard priority for COVID testing should be **"surgery/procedure being performed in 3-4 days"**.

Morning of Surgery/Procedure Testing

Clinical Lab will strive to provide COVID testing results for **"Day of Surgery"** when the following pathway is used:

Prior to surgery/procedure **PREPARE to order STAT COVID PCR Test and schedule the PCR appointment directly** into the ATC PCR lanes **as outlined below for Mission Bay and Parnassus**

For Mt Zion prior to surgery surgery/procedure, **PREPARE to order STAT COVID Test and contact (phone/email) the RSC directly**

Mount Zion RSC	Mission Bay ATC	Parnassus ATC
415-885-3549	415-502-3402 or 415-476-5964 (Voalte-search ATC)	415-514-1454 or Voalte (Parn clinics under ATC)
RSC will schedule "Morning of Surgery/Procedure" patients between 8:30 -9:00 AM prior to scheduled appts	Prepare will schedule ATC appointment between 7:00-8:00 AM into the COVID TESTING MB DEP and add "STAT PCR - Same Day Surgery - Adult Prepare" in Appointment Notes	Prepare will schedule ATC appointment between 6:00-7.30 AM into the COVID TESTING PARN DEP and add "STAT PCR - Same Day Surgery - Adult Prepare" in Appointment Notes
The sample should be hand-delivered to the "COVID STAT" location at Mount Zion laboratory across from the main clinical laboratory B235 and lab staff notified that this is a sample needing urgent processing.	The sample should be hand-delivered to the "COVID STAT" location at Mission Bay laboratory M2339 and logged into the IN-HOUSE COVID testing log. Lab staff should be notified that this is a sample needing urgent processing.	The sample should be hand-delivered to the "COVID STAT" location at Parnassus microbiology laboratory in room L553 and lab staff notified that this is a sample needing urgent processing.
The sample will be tested with on-site "sample to answer" method and should be result within 4 hours of sample receipt during hours when the RSC is open.	The sample will be tested in-house and should be result within 4 hours of sample receipt during hours when the ATC is open.	The sample will be tested with on-site "sample to answer" method and should be result within 4 hours of sample receipt during hours when the ATC is open.
RSC /ATC to instruct patient to report to the SWA 1 ½ hrs prior to surgery/procedure. Patient to wait elsewhere. If COVID result not available when patient presents at the SWA "Droplet Precautions" protocol will be invoked		