Memorial Health System has implemented extra safety precautions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These measures, which include testing for all surgical patients as well as visitor restrictions, are intended to keep you, your loved ones and your care team safe during your stay with us.

For more information about our COVID-19 response, visit ChooseMemorial.org/COVID19.

PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEDURE

You will undergo a COVID-19 test at the ALMH main circle drive 72 hours before your procedure. Immediately following your COVID-19 test, you will be instructed to self-quarantine. Self-quarantine means separating yourself from others. Stay home and avoid public places. Your COVID-19 test results should be available two hours prior to your procedure; if they are delayed, your procedure will be rescheduled.

If you test positive for COVID-19, you will be notified and ALMH will provide you with a treatment plan. Your procedure will be canceled, although it may be rescheduled for a later date after you recover fully. If you begin developing any of the symptoms listed below prior to your procedure, please contact your physician’s office. You may also contact ALMH at 217–605–5330.

Symptoms of COVID-19

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle pain

ON THE DAY OF YOUR PROCEDURE

We will let you know what time to arrive for your procedure. We have visitor restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your companion or caretaker will not be able to come into the hospital with you.

Please bring a photo ID, insurance card and a list of your current medications with you when you arrive for your procedure. Our staff will call your caretaker to provide important information about your post-procedure care. Please have this person’s phone number available. Please bring your personal communication device with you so that you can communicate with your caretaker after the procedure. We will store your personal belongings for you during the procedure.

A surgical mask will be provided for you upon arrival.