



News for Mercy Patients

Non-Urgent, Elective Procedures and Imaging Postponed

As the number of COVID-19 cases increases across the country, Mercy continues to prepare our co-workers and facilities for a possible surge of patients. To that end, all non-urgent elective procedures, surgeries and imaging services will be postponed. This follows recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Testing for COVID-19

Due to a limited number of COVID-19 testing supplies across the U.S., only patients who are very ill and meet CDC issued COVID-19 criteria are currently being tested.

If You Become Ill

Please follow these CDC guidelines:

- People with mild respiratory symptoms should stay home. If you become more ill, reach out to your doctor by telephone and let them know your symptoms. They may want to arrange for you to be tested for influenza.
- If you test negative for flu, you should treat the illness as though it's COVID-19 and, if your symptoms are manageable, immediately self-isolate. Stay away from family members and don't go out in the public.
- If symptoms are severe, like difficulty breathing, call your nearest ER and let them know you're on your way and what your symptoms are.

Your health is our top priority. Thanks for your understanding.

For more information and the latest updates regarding Mercy's ongoing Covid-19 efforts, please visit - [Mercy.net/Covid19](https://www.mercy.net/Covid19)
