

COVID-19 UPDATE

Covid-19 testing is not a requirement as of June 10, 2021

Vaccines for COVID-19

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. After you've been fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.

Key Points

- Persons with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should have diagnostic testing.
- Rapid, point-of care serial screening can identify asymptomatic cases and help interrupt SARS-CoV-2 transmission. This is especially important when community risk or transmission levels are substantial or high.
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- The selection and interpretation of SARS-CoV-2 tests should be based on the context in which they are being used, including the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 in the population being tested.
- Prior receipt of a COVID-19 vaccine will not affect the results of SARS-CoV-2 viral tests.

The office of K. Alex Kim, M.D. and Brooks Surgery Center no longer require a Covid-19 test prior to surgery. The covid-19 test is required only in the following situations according to the current CDC recommendations:

1. People who have symptoms of COVID-19.
2. Most people who have had close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with confirmed COVID-19.
3. Fully vaccinated people with no COVID-19 symptoms do not need to be tested following an exposure to someone with COVID-19.
4. People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not need to get tested following an exposure as long as they do not develop new symptoms.
5. People who have taken part in activities that put them at higher risk for COVID-19 because they cannot physically distance as needed to avoid exposure, such as travel, attending large social or mass gatherings, or being in crowded or poorly-ventilated indoor settings.
6. People who have been asked or referred to get tested by their healthcare provider, or state, tribal, , or territorial health department.
7. CDC recommends that anyone with any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 get tested, regardless of vaccination status or prior infection. If you get tested because you have symptoms or were potentially exposed to the virus, you should stay away from others pending test results and follow the advice of your health care provider or a public health professional.

If you have symptoms of Covid-19 or are tested positive for Covid-19 prior to surgery, surgery will be postponed until you become asymptomatic.