

**Title: BILH Interim Preoperative Evaluation for COVID-19 and PPE in the Setting of Surgical Procedures**

**Purpose:** To outline operative care of patients in the setting of COVID-19, including assessment of risk, use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and preoperative testing.

**Guideline Statement:** This guideline provides pre-operative testing guidance and outlines PPE use in the operative setting as it relates to COVID-19.

**Guideline(s) for Implementation:**

1. Limit staff to essential personnel only
2. **All patients should be screened for symptoms 48-72 hours prior to procedure** including:
  - a. Fever  $\geq 100.4$  or feverishness
  - b. Chills
  - c. Body aches
  - d. Cough
  - e. New onset shortness of breath, or change from baseline
  - f. Sore throat
  - g. New onset diarrhea, or change from baseline
  - h. Loss of smell or taste
3. **COVID-PCR Testing** (See [COVID-19 Status](#) definitions)
  - a. Patients who are **COVID-19 Positive or Prior COVID-19 should not be retested**
  - b. All other patients should be tested optimally 48-72 hours prior to the procedure (Individual providers may accept up to 96 hours to cover long weekends)
  - c. If test is pending and procedure is urgent, defer to primary team clinical judgment to determine OR workflow (refer to [BILH OR Workflow and Decontamination Guidance](#) [i.e., red vs yellow zone]).

COVID-19 Status	PPE in OR*			Wait Time for Cleaning/ Room Turnover
	N95	Gown	Eye Protection	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asymptomatic &amp; No Known Exposure</li> <li>• COVID-19 Quarantine</li> <li>• COVID-19 Negative</li> <li>• Prior COVID-19</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Suspect</li> <li>• COVID-19 Positive</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Per institutional protocol based on <a href="#">air changes/hour</a> (d/w Infection Control)

*\*In addition to routine surgical attire for all staff*