

# Pre-Procedure COVID Testing Instructions for the Endoscopy Center of Niagara, LLC

Per the NYS Department of Health, all patients must have COVID testing pre-procedure regardless of vaccination status. The only exception to this mandate would be if you have a lab documented proof of a positive COVID test within 90 days of your scheduled procedure date. If so, you must provide a copy of the positive COVID test on the day of your procedure and you would not need pre-procedure COVID testing.

Please see the testing options below for all other patients.

## Option 1: At-Home COVID Testing

1. Each Patient must self-test with a home test kit **ONE day** prior to your surgery
2. The patient is responsible to obtain the test kit
  - a. Tests kits can be obtained from a local drug store
  - b. Contact your insurance carrier as they may cover the cost of the kit
3. Follow the test kit instructions
  - a. Note: Some kits require the person to take two tests when no symptoms are present – the second test must be one day prior to your procedure
4. On the day of procedure you will be required to sign an attestation confirming:
  - a. The test was completed the day before your procedure
  - b. That all instructions were followed
  - c. That the results were negative
5. Your procedure may have to be cancelled if:
  - a. You refuse to sign the attestation
  - b. If you did not self-test the day prior to coming in for your procedure
  - c. If you have a positive result
6. If you self-test and have a **positive result**, please call your provider and cancel your procedure immediately at 626-5250. Do not come to the center if you test positive.

## Option 2: Pre-procedure COVID testing at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center

1. If you choose this option, please call the Endoscopy Center of Niagara (**716-284-3264**) at least **10 days before your procedure** to set this up. You will then be contacted by Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and the testing will take place a few days prior to your procedure

**IMPORTANT:** NYS now requires COVID testing before your procedure. You will be notified by mail of your testing options. If you do not receive this mailing within five days of your procedure, please call the center at 716-332-1000.