

Pre-Procedure COVID Testing Instructions for the Endoscopy Center of WNY

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 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 through Kaleida Health (Galleria Mall location)

1. Please call the Endoscopy Center of WNY **7-10 days before your procedure** to schedule your COVID testing at 716-332-1000.