

SafeCare | Surgery

Our Commitment to Your Health and Safety

We are prepared and pleased to welcome patients for elective and non-urgent surgery at Holy Redeemer Hospital and our Ambulatory Surgery Center in Huntingdon Valley—with **patient and staff safety as our top priority.**

HOW WE ARE PROTECTING YOU

- All staff are screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to and after their shifts. They adhere to stringent hand hygiene protocols and wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) as recommended per CDC guidelines.
- Patients are tested for COVID-19 within 4 days of scheduled surgery and are asked to quarantine before and after their procedure per their clinician's guidance. If their test is positive, the surgery will be rescheduled when the patient is symptom-free per CDC guidance and have a negative COVID-19 test.
- Prior to entering the hospital or ASC, patients are screened for COVID-19 symptoms and given a temperature check.
- Patients are required to wear a mask (available in all our facilities).
- Visitors are currently not permitted at any of our locations unless medically necessary (except in cases involving minors, maternity patients and patients with disabilities, with restrictions).
- Enhanced cleaning procedures using special disinfectants to eliminate the virus have been instituted, with a concentration on high-touch areas, at each of our locations.
- Enhanced cleaning of operating and procedure rooms will take place between cases, including an extended specialized process with a disinfectant against the COVID-19 virus.
- The number of surgical procedures is limited each day to allow for adequate case spacing, social distancing, greater infection control and cleaning processes, and to minimize the number of patients in each facility.

HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF

- Wear a mask in public, cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough, wash your hands, maintain social distancing and clean high-touch areas frequently.
- Self-quarantine to the extent possible after your COVID test and before the time of your surgery. Follow your surgeon's instructions post operatively.
- Take your temperature daily for 6 days following your procedure, and alert your surgeon or provider if you become feverish or fall ill.
- Tell your provider if you have been feeling ill or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- While at our facilities, take advantage of available PPE and hand hygiene stations.

If you have any questions about your surgery, or would like to discuss options, please speak with your provider.

Don't Neglect Your Overall Health

Your health is precious: Don't let a minor problem go untreated or stop monitoring a chronic condition.

If you've had a procedure postponed, your provider will contact you to reschedule.

For routine care and non-urgent issues, Holy Redeemer TeleHealth now offers safe, real-time videoconference appointments. Please contact your provider for more details or to schedule an appointment.

If you have a serious injury or suspect a heart attack, stroke or any severe illness, call 911 or visit the Holy Redeemer Emergency Department.