



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Overview

The safety of our patients and staff remains our highest priority. We are closely monitoring and proactively responding to the developments in Australia associated with coronavirus (COVID-19), in conjunction with both the Australian Government authorities and local public health units.

We are completely committed to providing our consumers with high quality, effective services and treatment in a safe and comfortable environment. We have implemented strict infection control and prevention protocols to protect our patients, health care workers and visitors to minimise the risk of any infection, including COVID-19.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the precautionary measures in place at our hospital, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Information for patients and visitors

To help keep our community safe, please follow the COVID-19 safety rules that apply on the day of your surgery. Minimum requirements involve:

- *Sanitisation*

There are sanitisation stations located in the hospital foyer as you enter the building and right in front of the day surgery entrance. Please make sure you practise good hand hygiene and sanitise your hands upon entry.

- *Face mask*

All patients, visitors, staff and VMOs will be provided with Level 1 (L1) masks for general hospital areas. Please follow the guidelines for correct fitting, use and disposal during your time at the hospital.

The day prior to your surgery, the hospital staff will phone you directly to ask COVID-19 screening questions and re-confirm your suitability for elective surgery. Please advise the staff if you are feeling unwell.

Patient carer/visitor will be discouraged from remaining at the facility after the patient's admission. The carer/visitor will be notified when the patient is ready for discharge. Where possible, only one carer/visitor should attend the facility with the patient.

COVID-19 Testing and Isolation

Do I need to have a COVID-19 test prior to surgery?

Patients undergoing elective surgery are no longer required to test for COVID-19 prior to their admission. This also applies to carers accompanying a patient.



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What happens if I am a close contact?

If a patient or their carer is identified as a close contact, they must avoid visiting high-risk settings such as hospitals for at least 7 days. Your procedure at MSPH will need to be rescheduled.

What happens if I am a social contact?

If a patient or their carer is identified as a social contact, they should monitor for symptoms and only undertake a RAT test if they start to experience symptoms.