

**Pre-procedural testing guidance for upper and lower GI procedure  
at Barnes Jewish Hospital, Barnes Jewish West County, and South County CAM  
9/8/2020**

- Asymptomatic patients undergoing upper and lower GI procedures at Barnes Jewish Hospital, Barnes Jewish West County, and South County CAM **do not need** pre -procedural COVID-19 Testing
- Testing should be performed on any patient who fails a COVID symptom screening (which includes any patient from a congregate living facility)
- Testing can also be performed on a patient who cannot provide a history (i.e., a patient with dementia). In this case, when placing a scheduled pre-procedural order, please click “unsure due to altered mental status” when asked if the patient has COVID symptoms.
- Thorough pre-procedural COVID-symptom screening at two time points (several days prior to the procedure as well as the day of procedure) will be key to ensuring that all team members have minimized exposure to COVID-19.

Two additional points to note:

- Elective patients with failed COVID-screening should have their procedure postponed- there is current guidance on how long a procedure should be delayed until they can be rescheduled- [“Procedures for COVID Testing and Procedural PPE – 8/26/20”](#) :  
<https://covid19.bjc.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=kUTSV93IkH8%3d&portalid=0>
- Providers and all team members must maintain proper infection prevention precautions (masks in recovery, N95 during procedure or during aerosol generating portion of procedure at discretion of provider, etc.). Masking with non N-95 (i.e., surgical or iso) masks remains highly protective and remains the IP standard for care, even for COVID + patients who are not in an aerosol generating procedure or ICU level care (pre and post-procedure, during transport, etc.).