

Reactivation for Surgery and Procedural Areas – FAQ

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Q: Does the patient have to complete pre-procedure COVID-19 testing at the location of the procedure or can they go to any Northwestern testing location?


A: The testing can be completed at any NM testing location. Discuss with the patient where they intended to get their test done. When placing the order you will need to select where it will be performed, which will allow the correct test to be ordered.

COVID-19 Testing  Personalize 

▼ Virology

▼ Please select an option below:

- [Testing Guidelines Dashboard](#)
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☒  Pre-Testing Scheduled Procedures

- ☐ Collection at Lavin, Central ICCs, or North ICCs
- ☐ Collection at NWR ICCs, West ICCs, or West ED Extensions
- ☐ Collection at NWR ED Extensions or North ED Extensions
- ☐ Immunocompromised
- ☐ Outpatient Community

Q: If the patient is unable to come to NM for COVID-19 testing in the three days leading up to their procedure, can they be tested on the morning of the procedure?

A: Yes, if the patient indicates they are unable to come in for testing prior to the day of the procedure, staff should let them know to arrive early for their procedure to allow time for testing. Once the patient is checked in, staff can use the order panel in Epic and select the Surgical/Interventional option, which will give them access to place the Abbott Alere test for a 30-minute turnaround time.