

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. The disease causes respiratory illness (like the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever, and in more severe cases, difficulty breathing. COVID-19 is spread through close personal contact or airborne droplets – coughing or sneezing. People may also contract the illness if they touch a surface infected with COVID-19 and then touch their mouths, noses or eyes. There's currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19.

I understand that my physician has determined that my planned elective procedure/surgery is medically necessary and permissible under Governor Walz in the State of Minnesota as well as the federal government and return to elective surgeries. Please know that the decision whether to proceed with the procedure/surgery now or to wait until after the COVID-19 is less prevalent is up to each patient and their family and given situation. During this time – your care giver or person accompanying you to the center will be limited in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection. In the event that you would develop any surgical complications or post-surgical complications, we may have to transfer you to a hospital for care. If that would occur, you could potentially be exposed to patients with COVID-19.

We would ask that you would contact your Doctor if you have further questions related to having a procedure during this pandemic. With all the precautions, please know that there is always a risk when leaving your home regardless of the location.

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