

COVID-19

CHILDREN'S MERCY PREPROCEDURAL COVID TESTING

Why does my child have to get tested for COVID?

Children's Mercy is committed to the safety of our patients and staff. One way we limit risk of exposure is by providing COVID-19 testing to all patients with a scheduled procedure or surgery. COVID-19 testing gives us important information to ensure we can keep your child and all of our patients and staff safe.

When should my child get tested for COVID?

Your child must be COVID tested within 72 hours of their scheduled procedure. A nurse will contact you 3-7 days before your child's procedure to coordinate this testing appointment.

Where will my child's COVID test occur?

Your child can be tested at the following Children's Mercy locations by appointment. A nurse will contact you 3-7 days before your child's procedure to coordinate this testing appointment location.

- [Children's Mercy Adele Hall Campus](#), 2401 Gillham Road, Kansas City, MO 64108: Monday-Sunday
- [Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas](#), 5808 W. 110th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211: Monday-Friday
- [Children's Mercy Junction City](#), 1102 St. Mary's Road, Junction City, KS 66441: Monday-Thursday
 - * If your child's procedure is on Monday or Tuesday, they cannot be tested here.
- [Children's Mercy Joplin](#), 1801 W. 32nd Street, Building A, Joplin, MO 64804: Monday-Thursday
 - * If your child's procedure is on Monday or Tuesday, they cannot be tested here.
- [Children's Mercy Wichita](#), 3243 E. Murdock Street, Suite 201, Wichita, KS 67208: Monday-Friday
 - * If your child's procedure is on a Tuesday, they cannot be tested here.

We strongly encourage our families to use a Children's Mercy location due to the short turnaround time of test results. If you choose to have your child COVID tested outside of the above listed locations and results are not received the day before the procedure by 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, the procedure will likely be cancelled. Children's Mercy only accepts PCR COVID test results.

What should my child do after being tested?

Your child must shelter in place after their COVID test. School-age children may attend school if they are masked and socially distanced. Attending daycare, pre-school, outside events or other homes is not allowed. If your child is old enough to hold a job, they must stay home from work.



How can you prepare your child for their COVID test?

Please refer to our [Childrensmercy.org](https://www.childrensmercy.org) website and select "Information on COVID-19" in the top blue banner bar to access more information on how to prepare your child for a COVID-19 test.

Who do I call if I have concerns about transportation or lodging?

Our social work department may be able to help, please call (816) 234-3670. Social work is available 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

More questions: Please contact the clinic that scheduled your child's procedure.

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