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When you come for your surgery or elective procedure, you will be asked a series of screening questions

We'll take you up to our pre-op area and before that you'll actually get some screening questions and those screening questions will be very similar to what you've received in the office all along - do you have a cough, do you have shortness of breath, are you running a fever, any of those sorts of things, and we'll also check your temperature. :20

Everyone coming for an elective procedure undergoes a test for COVID-19

You have to have the Covid test within 72 hours of the surgery and that's a requirement from IDPH. If that test is negative, you don't have Covid, your Surgery proceeds just as normal. If the test is positive then your surgery would be canceled and you would recover from Covid and then in about two weeks we'd retest you to see if you could move forward with your surgery. :24

What is the process for getting a COVID pre-surgery test?

You'll come to the site, you'll call a number when you get there, the staff will come right out to your car - you don't even have to get out of the car it's really great - and they'll do the test. It takes about 30 seconds and then you're on your way. :13

What do you say to people who might be worried about coming to a medical center for a procedure?

We've taken lots of precautions, we're ready for you and your family to be here to have procedures and tests done, so don't be fearful. We're ready for you and you're very safe while you're here. :12

There is a different approach to who can come with a patient for their procedure, out of an abundance of caution due to COVID-19. Tell me about the support person.

At that time we'll tell you whether not you can bring a support person. That's the person that you might bring to be able to be with you if you have a lot of anxiety, you're fearful, if you're getting anesthetic you need to have some discharge instructions, all of those sorts of things, so it's important to have a support person. We'll let you know whether or not you're able to do that. The guidelines are always changing with the state and IDPH and we want to always stay in compliance with that, but we also want to bring a support person in if it all possible. :34