

## OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

At Clermont Ambulatory Surgical Center, it is our priority to remain dedicated to the safety of our patients, staff, and community to avoid any unnecessary spread of COVID-19.

While our facility does not treat those suffering from COVID-19, we have implemented procedures from the recommendations of the CDC and our accreditation associations, CMS and AAAHC, to ensure that we are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the virus and ensure our facility remains a safe environment for everyone.

In May 2020, each member of our staff was tested for COVID-19, and each test came back with a negative result. On an ongoing basis, our staff is being questioned and screened upon entrance to work; precautions include regularly taking our team's temperatures to ensure that we are providing a safe and COVID-19 free environment for our patients.

Additional safety measures include:

- **Patients and visitors are to wear a cloth face covering upon entering our Non-COVID Care Zone.**
- COVID-19 screening of all patients, drivers, visitors, and vendors is performed upon arrival to include temperature check, travel in past 14 days, or any exposure to known confirmed positive COVID-19 diagnosed individuals. This screening is performed in our Non-COVID Care Zone, located just inside of our building in the hallway just outside of the Clermont Ambulatory Surgery Center. Anyone that has been exposed or has signs / symptoms of an illness will not be allowed to enter the facility and will be put in a separate safe zone for further evaluation and questioning by Administration.
- A preoperative phone call will be made to the patient prior to the day of surgery describing the process and discussing the COVID-19 screening questions and procedures. If additional discussion or screening is required, you will be contacted by administration for further questions and instructions.
- At this time, CDC required Covid-19 testing is **NOT** required prior to surgery due to the fact that we have a low risk of incidences in our area and adequate testing is still not easily available. However, we have established the above mentioned guidelines as a precaution to do our best to limit any exposure to COVID-19 to both our patients and our staff.
- Social Distancing will be practiced in our lobby and waiting area, so family and visitors will be restricted based on the number of visitors on any particular day. Those members of your party not allowed in the waiting area will be asked to provide their cell numbers, so that staff can contact them for emergencies, discharge instructions, and patient pick up information. Due to limited space and these Social Distancing guidelines, we have asked those individuals with cars to remain in them and wait for updates from the staff, along with further instructions.