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To Whom It May Concern;

As Healthcare Organizations transition into the “New Normal” of dealing with COVID-19 and protocol changes, we at Gunnison Valley Health (GVH) are continuing to provide the best possible care for our community.

Currently, anyone who is having surgery or a procedure outside of our Hospital can obtain a pre-operative PCR swab to rule out COVID-19 infection prior to their procedure. In-house testing for COVID-19 is not available at GVH, so samples are sent to the Mayo Clinic Laboratory and may take up to 5 days to result.

To manage these patients and scheduling of their test, we have identified a liaison in our Registration department, Amy Anderson. To schedule a test for a surgical patient, the current process has been established:

1. The surgeon (or their facility) needs to email the request to Amy Anderson at aanderson@gvh-colorado.org
2. Include the following:
 - a. Name, DOB, Phone number, and tentative procedure date for the patient
 - b. Practitioner’s order for the test
 - c. Copy of the patient’s Driver’s License (front and back)
 - d. Copy of the patient’s current insurance card (front and back)
3. Mrs. Anderson will email a reply with a date and time for the patient to be tested at the GVH drive-through testing site. This site is operational Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for 1 hour each day, so the patient will receive the next available appointment that is closest to their surgery.
 - a. Scheduling may take 24-48 hours from the time the email is received.
 - b. It will be up to the clinician’s office to notify the patient of the date & time of the test.
 - c. The patient will be pre-registered for the test, so total time should only take about 10 minutes onsite.
4. The attached document may be provided to patients for their education.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns about this process. As we move towards a sustainable practice, protocols and processes may change once again. We will continue to provide communication about any changes and testing ability as the COVID Pandemic evolves. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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COVID-19 TESTING AT GUNNISON VALLEY HEALTH

Directions for Patients:

1. You will receive your date and time for your test from your clinician's office.
2. We will attempt to schedule you as close to your procedure date, but still with ample time to get the results back. This may take up to 5 days.
3. It will be expected that you self-isolate from the time of your test to the time of your procedure, to minimize your risk of contracting any illness.
4. The testing site location is identified on the map below.
5. When you arrive to the testing site, please park, turn off the vehicle and remain in the car.
 - a. Staff may direct you to park in a handicap spot.
 - b. A staff member will assist you from the vehicle.
 - c. Bring a mask or face covering for the conversation with staff and signing of the consent.
 - d. The swab itself will only take approximately 10 seconds.
 - e. Some people prefer a tissue for blowing the nose after the swab.

LOCATION:

711 N Taylor St., Gunnison, Colorado 81230 (970-641-1456)

- From North Colorado Street, enter the driveway on the East side of the Hospital.
- Continue straight until just before you meet the edge of the building, near the North Entrance.
- Park in the parking spaces just outside the Bus Shelter, indicated with signs.

