

Saratoga-Schenectady Gastroenterology Associates

848 State Route 50
Burnt Hills, N.Y. 12027

Dear Patient,

Due to the increase in community spread of Covid-19 and with the guidance of the NYS Department of Health, we will begin testing all of our patients for Covid-19 prior to their procedure regardless of their vaccination status. This will begin with patients scheduled for a procedure on or after August 26, 2021.

The date of your testing was provided in the text or e-mail that you received. This packet will provide you with additional information regarding the testing process. **If you have any questions, please contact our COVID testing line at (518)831-1504.**

The remaining pages will provide you with additional information regarding the COVID-19 testing process, information regarding COVID procedures in our endoscopy center and finally a map of how to get to our COVID testing tent at our Burnt Hills Office location.

WHEN DO I NEED TO BE TESTED?

In the text or email you received, look for the line that states “Your COVID testing date will be on **XX/XX/2021** at our Burnt Hills office location.” You can arrive for testing anytime between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

LabCorp COVID-19 Testing Process

- COVID-19 testing is done 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. You can arrive anytime between these times. The day you should come depends on the day of the week your procedure will be performed. (*See instructions below on what day to come for your testing.*)
- On the day of your test, bring your license and insurance cards for proof of identity.
- LabCorp performs our COVID-19 testing. However, your test specimen needs to be collected at our 848 Route 50 main office location. ***LabCorp does not collect specimens at their various test sites. Please access our testing area via our endoscopy center access road, which is located on 1 Wellness Drive in Burnt Hills.*** Signs will direct you to the COVID-19 testing tent. (See map at end of instructions for exact route to follow.)
- Please follow COVID-19 testing signs and wait in line behind the cars in front of you. You will drive directly into the testing tent where test is performed while you remain in your vehicle.
- You will need to provide verbal consent to having test performed.
- Test involves having both nasal passages swabbed. ***(Test is a short nasal swab, not a deep nasal swab)***
Should LabCorp notify us your test be is positive, we will contact you as soon as possible.

Saratoga-Schenectady Endoscopy Center Procedures related to COVID-19

1. On the day of your Procedure, you must wear a mask into the vestibule of the Center where you will be required to remove your mask and put on one of our fresh surgical masks before you enter the waiting room.
2. If you use a CPAP machine, Do NOT bring it to your procedure.
3. You will receive a screening phone call from our Endoscopy Center **a few days prior** to your procedure. Please have your demographic and insurance information available for your screening call.
4. You must be tested for **COVID19** prior to your procedure. **Testing is performed at our Burnt Hills Office location, however, please enter via our endoscopy center entrance at 1 Wellness Drive in Burnt Hills. (See enclosed map for instruction on how to get to testing area.)**
5. Your driver or guest **CANNOT** enter the Center. You will need to provide a cell phone number for your driver when you check-in for your procedure. Your driver must be available for prompt pick-up at the time of discharge.

You must contact the Center prior to your procedure if you do not feel well or if you have a known COVID-19 exposure. Please call 518-831-1550 to notify the Center of your exposure or any other questions related to COVID-19 and your procedure.

