

## COVID-19 Patient Education Regarding Surgeries and Procedures

Cass Regional Medical Center is committed to the safety of our patients, physicians and staff. As part of this commitment, patients will be screened prior to any surgery or procedure. If a patient has symptoms or has recently been in close proximity to a known COVID-19 positive person, a COVID-19 PCR stat test will be performed.

The test consists of a nasal swab, which is evaluated at our laboratory to determine if you have the COVID-19 virus in your body. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that may or may not cause symptoms, depending on the individual.

Once the nurse receives your COVID-19 test results, the anesthesia providers and the physician chair of the Surgery Department for Cass Regional Medical Center will review all details of your medical condition and determine if proceeding with surgery is in the best interest of you and our staff. Your provider and the surgery/GI staff will use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to safeguard your care, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This will include masks, eye protection, gloves and gowns.

