



Guide For Scheduling Pre-Admission COVID-19 Testing Appointments

	SURGERY DATE		SWAB DATE		
If Surgery date is on a	Monday	The patient should be swabbed on	Friday	Or	Saturday
If Surgery date is on a	Tuesday	The patient should be swabbed on	Saturday	Or	Sunday
If Surgery date is on a	Wednesday	The patient should be swabbed on	Sunday	Or	Monday
If Surgery date is on a	Thursday	The patient should be swabbed on	Monday	Or	Tuesday
If Surgery date is on a	Friday	The patient should be swabbed on	Tuesday	Or	Wednesday
If Surgery date is on a	Saturday	The patient should be swabbed on	Wednesday	Or	Thursday
If Surgery date is on a	Sunday	The patient should be swabbed on	Thursday	Or	Friday

NOTE TO SCHEDULERS: In response to Beebe Surgical Services' requirement for all patients to undergo a **COVID Screening Test** prior to any scheduled procedure, Beebe Healthcare Community Laboratory has acquired new technology which permits us the ability to perform the **COVID Screening Test** in a more timely manner.

This new technology allows for more timely reporting and accurate surgery scheduling.

Please use the scheduling guide above to ensure patients are scheduled within the proper timeframe allowing for the sample to be processed and the results reported in a timely manner related to the scheduled procedure.

- The preferred, optimal timeframe for test collection is 3 calendar days prior to assigned procedure day.
- If the scheduled procedure is less than 3 days from specimen collection, order testing STAT to ensure results are available for review.