



Information about your COVID-19 Testing and Treatment Appointment

Dear Patient:

Cancer and cancer treatments may weaken your immune system. You may be at a higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 infection when you are on treatment.

As a result, Cancer Care Ontario (Ontario Health) has developed guidelines for all cancer centres. To help protect you and keep you safe, we will be testing all patients for COVID-19 before they receive their cancer treatments.

ABOUT YOUR COVID-19 TESTING

When do I go for my COVID-19 test? *Date of test:* _____

You will have your COVID-19 test done 4 days before your treatment appointment at the:

COVID-19 Testing Assessment Centre
Humber River Hospital Reactivation Centre – Finch Site, West Entrance
2111 Finch Ave. W., Toronto, ON (Hwy 400/Finch Ave.)
Tel: (416) 747-6740

Hours: Monday to Friday, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday, from 09:00 am to 4:00 pm
Inform Finch site Staff that you are from Cancer Care Clinic

Dedicated times are available for Cancer Care Clinic patients
Monday to Friday, from 08:00 am to 10:00 am
Saturday and Sunday, from 08:00 am to 09:00 am

Examples:

- a. If your treatment day is on a Monday, go to the Assessment Centre on Thursday between 08:00-10:00am (dedicated time slot), or between 10:00am – 6:00pm.
- b. If your treatment day is on a Wednesday, go to the Assessment Centre on Saturday between 08:00-09:00am (dedicated time slot on weekends), or between 09:00am – 4:00pm.

What can I expect on the day of my COVID-19 testing?

At the Assessment Centre:

- Please wear a mask or face covering.
- **Show this letter to staff.** Tell the staff that you are from the Cancer Care Clinic and give them the name of your doctor. *My oncologist is:* _____

Your COVID-19 test results will be available in 24 to 48 hours (up to 72 hours).

Your Cancer Care Team will review your test results before you receive your treatment.

How often will I need to be tested?

In most cases, you will need to do a COVID-19 test 4 days before every treatment appointment. However, if your treatment schedule is every day for 2 days, 3 days, or 7 days, you only need to do the COVID-19 test once during your treatment cycle.

If you are having cancer treatment at our Cancer Clinic and radiation treatment at a different hospital, your doctor will discuss your care plan for COVID-19 testing.

ABOUT YOUR CLINIC APPOINTMENTS

Will my treatment appointments change?

We have added COVID-19 testing as a separate appointment. In most cases, we will not change your existing appointments and treatment schedule, unless you are receiving a specific type of treatment or you are not feeling well and are having symptoms.

What can I expect before my treatment appointment?

You will have appointments booked for blood work, nursing and doctor assessment. Please go to the Ambulatory lab at Humber River Hospital for your blood work. If you have a venous access device (Port-a-Cath or PICC line), you may go directly to the Cancer Clinic for your blood work.

After your blood work, return to the Cancer Clinic to meet with the nurse (in-person) and the doctor (in-person or by phone) for an assessment. We will review your blood work and the COVID-19 test results with you and make sure you are healthy before you come for your treatment appointment.

For your safety and the safety of others:

- Wear your mask at all times while in the hospital.
- Keep a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) from other patients in the waiting room.
- No visitors are allowed in the patient treatment area.
- Cancer Clinic staff will call the visitor when the patient's treatment is completed.

If you need more information about your COVID-19 test and your appointments, please speak with your care team.

Thank you,

Your Humber River Hospital Cancer Care Team