



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 are testing all patients who are new to Humber River Hospital's Cancer Care Clinic for COVID-19 before they receive their first cancer treatments.

ABOUT YOUR COVID-19 TESTING

You will have your COVID-19 test done at Humber River Hospital Cancer Care Clinic:

1235 Wilson Ave, Toronto, ON M3M 0B2
416-242-1000 ext. 21500

The Cancer Care Clinic is located on the main floor by Portal A entrance on the southeast corner of the hospital.

When do I go for my COVID-19 test?

Date of test: _____

ABOUT YOUR CLINIC APPOINTMENTS

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 is completed at the Ambulatory Lab, 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 nurse will complete your COVID-19 swab test.

What can I expect on the day of my appointment?

- You can have a visitor accompany you to your appointment.
- Please wear a mask or face covering at all times while in the hospital.
- You will be assessed by the nurse and have your COVID test completed.

Your COVID-19 test results will be available in 24 to 48 hours. Your Cancer Care Team will review your test results before you receive your treatment.

How often will I need to be tested?

You will need to have a COVID-19 test before your first cycle of treatment.

If your test result is positive, you will be contacted by Toronto Public Health and Cancer Care Clinic team and will need to be in self-isolation for 14 days. **DO NOT COME TO THE CLINIC. Our Cancer Care Clinic team will call you to follow up and give you additional information.** You may need to be re-tested before you receive your treatment.

In between your treatments, if you are not feeling well and are having symptoms, you will need to have another COVID-19 test. It is important that you stay healthy in between your treatments and avoid large gatherings of people. Your nurse will provide information to you about your treatment and monitoring your symptoms.

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.

If you are not feeling well before your first treatment appointment:

DO NOT COME TO THE CLINIC. CALL THE CANCER CARE TEAM AND WE WILL RESCHEDULE YOUR 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. 416-242-1000 ext. 21500.