

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 you receive your first cancer treatment.

ABOUT YOUR COVID-19 TESTING

You will have your COVID-19 test 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.

ABOUT YOUR CLINIC APPOINTMENTS

Before you start treatment, you will have appointments booked for blood work, COVID-19 test, nursing and doctor assessment. See additional information on your appointment letter. 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.

Your COVID-19 test, nursing and doctor assessment will be done in the Cancer Care Clinic. Your test results will be available in 24 hours. Your Cancer Care Team will review your test results before you receive your treatment.

What can I expect on the day of my appointment?

- You may have a visitor accompany you at your appointment
- Your essential visitor may also remain with you at your appointments, if you have significant mobility needs or have cognitive impairment
- All patients and visitors must wear a surgical mask at all times while in the hospital
 - Cloth masks or home-made masks are not allowed

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 surgical 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 to remain in the patient treatment area, unless you require ongoing assistance from your essential visitor.
- 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.