

Rescheduling Elective Procedures for Patients with Lab-Confirmed COVID-19

Elective Procedures

Patients undergoing **elective procedures** who test positive for COVID-19 with direct viral testing (e.g. PCR or viral antigen assay) should be rescheduled as per [Discontinuation of Isolation Precautions for Patients with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Infection](#).

Re-testing patients who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days with direct viral testing is not indicated. See [COVID-19 Re-testing Criteria Guidance](#) for additional information.

Patients undergoing elective procedures with a prior positive COVID-19 test over 90 days ago: The current number of documented re-infections with COVID-19 globally remains very low and there is evidence that patients can have persistent positive tests beyond 90 days. However, there is limited data on how to proceed with these patients. Pending further evidence, these patients should be tested similar to patients who never had a prior positive COVID-19 test as above. This includes managing rescheduling using the guidance outlined above.

Emergent/urgent care and treatment of patients **should never be delayed** in any setting due to COVID-19 testing or pending results.

Please note: the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve and this guidance is based on data currently available. Recommendations are subject to change based on future clinical needs and evidence.