To protect our patients and staff, all patients will be placed in isolation and tested for COVID-19. This testing will allow us to reduce the risk of the virus spreading to other patients or staff by finding any patient who may have the virus, whether they have any signs or not.

For certain patients who have pre-planned hospital admissions, the testing may be done before coming into the hospital.

**Having the test**
- Your nurse or another staff member will wear a gown, face mask, eye protection and gloves to do this test. You will be seated or in bed with the head of the bed raised up and your head tilted back.
- A long flexible swab is put into one side of your nose to the back of your throat and moved around to collect a sample for about 15 seconds. It can feel uncomfortable and may cause your eyes to water.
- The swab is removed and then put into the other side of your nose and moved around to add to the sample for another 10 to 15 seconds, then removed.
- The swab is put into a tube and sent to the lab for testing. Results may take up to 72 hours to come back.

If you are not able to have the test done this way because of health concerns or other issues, another type of COVID test will be done. It may take longer to get results back.

**Isolation**
You will be expected to stay in your hospital room with the door closed. Staff will be wearing gowns, gloves and masks and eye protection when they need to come into your room to provide care.
- If your test results come back negative for the virus, the isolation precautions will be stopped.
- If your test results come back positive for the virus, you will remain in isolation. Your doctor and care team will provide treatment based on any signs of the virus and your condition.
- If you refuse to have testing, you will remain in isolation for the time that you are in the hospital.

Talk to your doctor or others on your care team if you have any questions.