

# COVID-19 Test Order/Referral Instructions for MFA Providers

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## COVID-19 Testing (*I want my patient tested*)

GW is offering unscheduled walk-up COVID-19 testing for adults with a physician referral outside of the Smith Center located at 600 22nd St., NW, Washington, DC 20052 at the G Street Entrance Monday through Friday, 8 am - 3:30pm. Our drive-through testing site closed as of June 11, 2020.

### How Do I Order and Arrange for Testing?

1. Order the COVID-19 test in Allscripts (COVID-19L 139900)
2. Direct your patient to come to the COVID-19 testing outside of the Smith Center, located at **600 22nd St NW, Washington, DC 20052 – at the G Street Entrance between 8:00am and 3:30pm\***. Please remind them to bring their photo ID and insurance card. Please visit [gwccovid19testing.com](http://gwccovid19testing.com) for the latest testing information.

### Who Should I Test?

The latest MFA guidance for testing is available on the COVID-19 site at [www.covid19gwhealth.org](http://www.covid19gwhealth.org) under GW MFA Updates in the “Clinical Resources” section

If you are still unsure, you can receive a peer consult through TigerConnect by messaging “MFA COVID-19 Consult” or you can direct the patient for an in-person exam at the tent (see below)

Please do not predispose your patient to the type of test they will be getting at the tent. We will be administering tests based on supply availability. We currently can offer Oral/oropharyngeal and Nares (mid/anterior) tests.

### What Are My Responsibilities with Results?

Results will come back to you (the ordering provider) electronically through Allscripts. Please make sure that your results tasks are being monitored frequently and that you follow-up with the patient promptly.

## COVID-19 Exams (*I want my patient evaluated*)

MFA continues to offer unscheduled walk-up exams for MFA employees, GWUH employees, residents, and established MFA patients. You can send a patient for walk-up assessment Monday through Friday at the location listed above.

Patients should understand that they will be evaluated first to see if a test is warranted. Not all walk-up patients will be tested. Patients who present will be examined by an MFA provider who will conduct a focused assessment to determine whether a COVID-19 test is indicated and collect the specimen if one is. This is a billable visit. Results from these tests will go to the DGIM team for follow-up, but will be visible in the patient’s chart. You will not receive a task or notification of any results, so you are encouraged to set a reminder to check the chart.

We ask that you limit these unscheduled referrals to patients who are already present in clinic or patients you are unable to properly assess via telephone or telemedicine.

Patients will be informed on how to access results and receive a note to return to work if needed. New guidelines for those who have recently been protesting and in large gatherings will be forthcoming but the general rule is to encourage patients to be tested 7 days after they participated.

*You and your patients can find more information about the GW COVID-19 telehealth and testing services at [www.gwccovid19testing.com](http://www.gwccovid19testing.com)*

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## ***Pre-Procedure COVID-19 Testing***

All procedural providers ordering COVID-19 testing prior to ambulatory procedures in MFA buildings must follow these steps:

**Procedural Provider Must Order COVID-19 Test** - Please use the AllScripts TouchWorks order "Pre-Procedure COVID Testing" for the MFA testing, which will direct the COVID-19 test to the GW Hospital for test results in about 48 hours. For all other patients, use the "COVID-19L" order which directs the COVID-19 test to LabCorp for results in about 7 days.

**Procedural Provider Must Follow Up on Results** - The ordering procedural provider needs to follow up on and verify the results in AllScripts TouchWorks and contact the patient with results and guidance. The MFA general guidance for patients who test COVID-19 positive is available [here](#).

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