SWEDISH IS KEEPING YOU SAFE DURING YOUR SURGERY/PROCEDURE

Swedish is committed to your safety, especially during surgery or procedure. To minimize your exposure to the coronavirus (COVID-19), we have implemented safety protocols that cover all aspects of your stay with us. These protections also extend to our family of health care workers and physicians to minimize exposure to COVID-19.

OUR PILLARS OF SAFETY

- **Patient testing and screening:** Every effort will be made to test all elective surgical/procedural patients for COVID prior to their surgery/procedure. Any patient who tests positive or exhibits symptoms will be rescheduled to a later date.

- **Patient isolation:** On admit, symptomatic and COVID-positive patients are placed in special isolation precautions.

- **Personal protective equipment (PPE):** All health care providers are required to wear surgical masks. Swedish has proper PPE in place, in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- **Facility protection:** Every person entering our facilities is screened at the door for fever, a major symptom of COVID-19. All visitors are given masks.

- **Facility sanitizer and cleaning:** Hand sanitizer stations are located in every area of the hospital for patient use. Also, we have increased facility cleaning of high-touch surfaces.

- **Limitation of non-essential personnel:** Non-essential personnel are not allowed in the facility to decrease the likelihood of COVID-19 exposure.

- **Task force:** A task force of physician leaders, chief executives and infection prevention specialists meets daily to examine all safety and infection prevention strategies.

- **Perioperative clinical focus group:** A clinical focus group reviews all aspects of safety during the perioperative period — from admission through recovery.

For more information about patient safety and getting care, visit swedish.org/covid-19.