



SARS-CoV-2 Molecular Testing

Priority of Testing for Resuming Elective Surgeries

Over the last couple of days the CommonSpirit Health leadership team has had several discussions regarding re-opening our hospitals across many of our divisions. In re-opening our hospitals there are using many determining factors that impact our success. Two of them will be State mandates and guidelines which may vary from division to division. The other consideration is Lab testing capacity. As we are aware, our internal testing capacity is constrained by equipment availability and lab test kits. At the present time, we are only receiving about 10% of the lab test kits we order. So we have to ensure when we re-open for elective cases, we do not place further strain on the amount we are currently receiving. The best way to address that is to put guidelines in place that have lab testing for elective cases going to either one of our three large CommonSpirit Lab testing sites (see below) or sending the specimens out to commercial labs as suggested below.

In-House Tests

- Preserve in-house tests for:
 1. Inpatients
 2. Symptomatic health care workers

Send-Out Tests

- Asymptomatic health care workers
- Patients scheduled for surgeries
- TAT goal to match state requirements-generally 48 hours
 1. Send to:
 - University Hospitals that have a relationship with the Facility
 - Commercial Labs
 - ARUP
 - LabCorp
 - Quest
 - Other local commercial labs
 - CHS Internal Labs
 - St. Joseph Hospital/Health Care Clinical Laboratories in Stockton, CA
 - Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE
 - St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix, AZ
 - Public Health Departments

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