COVID-19 Screening Center

303 University Ave., Des Moines

Hours (subject to change):

- Mon.-Wed.: 7 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Thurs.-Fri.: CLOSED
- Sat.-Sun.: 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

For safety, it is important patients are tested for COVID-19 48-72 hours prior to an overnight admission and/or prior to a scheduled outpatient procedure (if required).

If you are unable to visit MercyOne COVID-19 Screening Center within the appropriate timeframe, immediately contact your provider’s office.

What you will need to bring:

- A mask – required to wear while at the COVID-19 Screening Center
- A photo identification (if minor patient, guardian will need photo identification)
- Proof of Insurance (insurance card)

Please do not eat or drink 10-15 minutes prior to your screening appointment.

What you can expect:

- Upon arrival you will be registered and a specimen label will be printed using the order supplied by your provider.
- A nasal sample will be collected by swabbing both nares.
- Results of your testing will be sent directly to your provider – usually within 36-48 hours.

Scheduled appointment required.

Scan the code with your smartphone camera to take you directly to our online schedules or visit MercyOne.org/desmoineslaboratory to schedule your lab appointment.
While waiting for results, we encourage patients to follow these self-isolation guidelines:

- **Stay home** except to receive medical care
- **Separate yourself from other people** and pets within your home
- **Wear** a facemask when around other people
- **Cover** your coughs and sneezes
- **Clean** your hands
- **Avoid sharing** personal household items
- **Monitor your symptoms**, seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening
- **Call ahead** before visiting your doctor

**IF YOU TEST NEGATIVE**, you will not receive a phone call. Your procedure will move forward as scheduled. We encourage you to continue to practice the following everyday preventative actions suggested by the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH):

- **Cover your mouth and nose** when you cough and sneeze
- **Avoid contact** with others who are sick
- **Frequent hand washing** for a minimum of 20 seconds
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- **Clean and disinfect** frequently touched surfaces
- **Stay home** when you are sick

**IF YOU TEST POSITIVE**, you will be contacted by your provider, and your procedure will be rescheduled, and you will receive further care instructions.