

## Pre-Op Covid Results Script

Patients who test **positive** must be called by an **Attending Physician or Fellow**

Team Script/Positive Results:

This is Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ from Deborah Heart and Lung Center. I am following up on your COVID-19 test results. You have tested positive for COVID-19.

*[Decision on scheduling the procedure or surgery will depend on the patient's specific medical condition. The decision to postpone or proceed can only be made by the Attending Physician based on the Severity Levels as presented in the Recovery Plan.]*

If the decision is made to **postpone** the procedure:

Because of your test results, we will be rescheduling your procedure/surgery for 4 weeks. I am sure you have questions which is why I am calling you.

*[Be prepared to answer, are you sure I can wait that long? Be prepared to explain risk versus benefit for the procedure. Be prepared to reassure the patient, put them at ease that this is the best medical decision at this time, and that it was carefully weighed prior to making a decision.]*

Our schedulers will contact you then to reschedule your procedure/surgery so that you can receive another COVID-19 test. I'm sure you understand our decision to making your health and safety our priority. Please take care of yourself, and if you have any questions or concerns, or if you experience a change in your symptoms, please do not hesitate to call me at \_\_\_\_\_.

If the decision is made to **proceed with** the procedure:

Although you have tested positive, it is my recommendation that based on your current medical situation, we still need to move forward with your scheduled procedure/surgery. I know you may be worried about having surgery while positive for COVID-19.

*[Be prepared to answer questions about our safety precautions, our experience with addressing cardiac patients with COVID-19, and that the benefits of a procedure/surgery now outweigh the risks. Explain that this decision was made based on the current medical situation at hand.]*

You should plan on arriving at the hospital on *[give specific instructions]*.

From now until your procedure/surgery you must self-isolate.

If in the meantime, if you develop any symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, body aches/muscle pain, headache, sore throat, diarrhea or loss of smell and loss of taste then please call Deborah Heart and Lung Center at 609-621-2080.

Do you have additional questions?

Team Script/Negative Results:

This is \_\_\_\_\_ from Dr. \_\_\_\_\_'s office at Deborah Heart and Lung Center. I am following up on your COVID-19 test results. Your test was negative so we will see you for your appointment on \_\_\_\_\_. Our scheduler will contact you with additional information.

From now until your procedure/surgery you must self-isolate.

If in the meantime, if you develop any symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, body aches/muscle pain, headache, sore throat, diarrhea or loss of smell and loss of taste then please call Deborah Heart and Lung Center at 609-621-2080.

Do you have additional questions?