

Committed to Safety: Latest Information on COVID-19 Precautions

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The safety of our patients and staff has always been and remains our top priority.

As the world continues to navigate the challenges presented by COVID-19, we realize that some people may have questions about coming to Manatee Surgical Center even as they seek to address pressing health issues. Please note that we have implemented extraordinary measures and additional protocols to help ensure a safe and clean environment for our patients, physicians, staff, and community.

In accordance with the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and [Joint Commission](#) guidelines, Manatee Surgical Center has moved to “universal masking.” Universal masking means that everyone who enters and is within our healthcare facility will wear a mask. We are actively monitoring and responding to all recommendations made by the CDC and the [Florida Department of Health in Manatee County](#).

Thank you for entrusting your care to us. When you or your loved ones need services, know that we are here ... **safe, trusted, and ready** to deliver a superior healthcare experience.

Prevention

The CDC recommends individuals and families follow everyday preventive measures including:

- Social distancing – avoiding crowds and crowded spaces, avoiding handshaking and hugging, deliberately staying at least six feet away from other people, and replacing in-person visits with remote check-ins using technology.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then dispose of the tissue.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60–95% alcohol.
- Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay home when you are sick with respiratory disease symptoms.