

HERE'S WHY YOU'RE SAFE GOING TO THE HOSPITAL FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY



1 YOU'LL ONLY VISIT WHEN NECESSARY.

Physicians and nurses can often conduct pre-op consultations by phone or video conference.

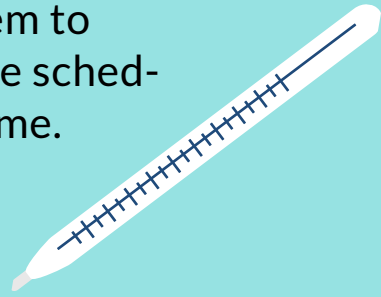
2 YOU WON'T WAIT LONG.

On the day of your surgery, hospitals aim to limit your time in a waiting room to 15 minutes.



3 YOU'LL ENCOUNTER FEW PEOPLE.

Hospitals are limiting visitors' and staffers' access to most areas. They are also scheduling fewer procedures to lower the number of people around. Doing so allows them to ensure blood supplies are sufficient and to provide scheduling flexibility for staffers caring for family at home.



4 YOU'LL LIMIT CONTACT WITH PEOPLE.

Everyone will practice social distancing in seating areas, restrooms, hallways and elevators.



5 YOU'LL FIND CLEAN SURFACES.

Hospitals are disinfecting around the clock.

6 YOU'LL HAVE BARRIERS BETWEEN YOU AND CARE PROVIDERS.

Personal Protective Equipment -- such as masks, scrub hats and gloves -- can lower the chance of COVID-19 being transmitted. Care centers restarting surgeries are working to be well-stocked.



7 YOU'LL HAVE A VOICE.

If you feel protective measures should be improved, say something. Administrators want to hear from you. They report strong support from all hospital team members who wish to put patients at ease.



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