

## **How is Highlands Surgery Center keeping you safe from COVID-19**

- All patients complete a symptom screening questionnaire upon check in. Surgery will not proceed until a patient has been asymptomatic for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications.
- If a patient answers yes to a screening question they may be required to test for COVID-19 prior to proceeding with surgery.

Except for urgent cases, surgery at Highlands Surgery Center should be delayed for COVID positive patients, as follows:

- 2 weeks for an asymptomatic patient
- 7 weeks for patients who continue to have COVID-19 symptoms

Your surgeon will determine if a surgery is urgent. An urgent surgery is where a delay of 2-12 weeks will cause harm to a patient (e.g. fracture). A few required steps will be taken for an urgent surgery to occur if a patient recently tested positive for COVID-19. Your surgeon will review these steps with you.