

Welcome to Fox Valley Orthopedics!

As COVID-19 restrictions ease throughout the state, we want to keep you apprised of our practices and policies.

Fox Valley Orthopedics adheres to the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>) to devise strict safety protocols in all our locations.

Masking^[1] – The use of face masks is no longer mandated, except for individuals who^[2]:

- Have suspected or confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection or other respiratory infection (e.g., runny nose, cough, sneeze);
- Had close contact or a higher-risk exposure with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection, for 10 days after their exposure; or
- Choose to continue masking based on personal preference, informed by their perceived level of risk for infection based on their recent activities (e.g., attending crowded indoor gatherings with poor ventilation) and their potential for developing severe disease.

Pre-procedural Screening and Testing^[3] – Fox Valley will follow the IDPH recommendation to adhere to the CDC guidance requiring testing only for those patients who:

- a) Exhibit symptoms
- b) Were recently diagnosed with COVID-19
- c) Are within 90 days post-infection

IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Fox Valley Orthopedics' current policy, mirroring the CDC guidelines, will remain in place. This policy states:

An employee or patient who has a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result, with or without COVID-19 symptoms, must be isolated from others for a minimum of 5 days after the test date.

Please be respectful of those who choose to continue to wear a mask.

^[1] <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/resources/executive-orders/display.executive-order-number-21.2022.html>

^[2] <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

^[3] <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/healthcare-providers/elective-procedures-guidance.html>