

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Medical Center
700 South 19th Street
Birmingham, AL 35233



PRE-OP COVID SWAB APPOINTMENT

Your health and safety are our number one priority. We are taking extra steps as precaution to protect our patients, families and staff. A COVID-19 test will be done 72 hours prior to your procedure. **We have partnered with UAB Hospital using their drive-thru site for convenience.**

Location: UAB Highlands Parking Deck - 1130 12th Street South

Your UAB DRIVE-THRU COVID SWAB APPOINTMENT has been scheduled on

Date _____ Time _____.

For questions about your covid swab appointment, please call the VA (205) 933-8101 x 3062.

If you need directions, please call UAB Highland drive-thru (205) 975-1881

If you want to cancel your procedure or test, please notify us as soon as possible by calling the cancellation line at **205-212-3968**.

Instructions:

This is a drive-thru clinic for a covid nasal swab test. You will have to drive to the site in a car with windows that can roll up and down. You will be asked to remain in your car throughout the entire process. The only time the windows are rolled down is at the time of the sample collection. Please **bring a cell phone** and a **photo identification**, such as driver license, passport, etc. This is used to verify your name and date of birth.

Failure to get the COVID-19 test may result in cancellation of your procedure or test.

Decolonization

Chlorhexidine bath instructions: Use 3 times

- Wash entire body with the body wash starting 2 days before surgery.
- Wash 1 day before surgery.
- Wash the morning of surgery.
- Your wash can be picked up at the pharmacy window or can be mailed to you.

The day of surgery:

- The pre-op nurse will give you a mouthwash to swish and spit.
- The nurse will also swab each nostril with an iodine.

PRE-PROCEDURE DRIVE-THRU COVID TESTING

LOCATED AT

**UAB HIGHLANDS PARKING DECK 1130 12TH STREET SOUTH
205 975- 1881**



If you need help with directions the day of your appointment, please call UAB Highlands Drive-Thru Testing at 205-975-1881.