

The Marshfield Clinic Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC's) are committed to providing the safest care whenever you have a procedure or surgery. Below is some important information about how you can protect yourself and others from influenza (flu) and H1N1 influenza (sometimes referred to as "swine flu").

To protect others, we are asking any patient with flu-like symptoms to please go to the nearest Urgent Care Center or your local provider for evaluation and possible treatment before coming to the ASC for a procedure or surgery.

Flu-like symptoms include:

- **Fever** higher than 100.0 degrees F (37.8 degrees C)
- **Sore throat**
- **Cough**

If you are unsure of your symptoms, please call our ASC at least 48 hours prior to your surgery and speak with one of our Registered Nurses. They will help assess and guide you to the care needed.

If you come to the ASC for your procedure or surgery with the above flu-like symptoms without a note stating you have been evaluated and treated for these symptoms, your surgery or procedure will be rescheduled. You and your family member or sponsor will then be asked to go to our Urgent Care Center for evaluation.

We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause you. However, we feel we need to take these steps to protect you and all of our patients.

Wishing you good health,

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