

Notice about Behavioral Health Treatment at Vanderbilt During COVID-19

Your overall health and well-being are our highest priority at Vanderbilt Behavioral Health.

As you are probably aware, a new type of coronavirus called COVID-19 has spread around the world.

You can have COVID-19 and be contagious but not show symptoms. Also, testing may fail to find the virus. Or you could be exposed right after testing. For these reasons, it is not always possible to tell for sure who has COVID-19.

Be assured that our patients will continue to receive exceptional care in a way that supports everyone's safety.

To help keep you safe during these challenging times, we follow current public health guidelines for COVID-19 and have practices and policies in place to reduce the risks associated with the virus. These practices and policies include but are not limited to the following:

- Before your treatment, we will ask you questions about any symptoms you may have. And we will ask you if you have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19. You need

to answer accurately so that we have the best information about your current health.

- You must wear a mask at all times while you are at the hospital or clinic.
- If we believe that your information or test results require us to delay your treatment, we will talk with you and your family about your options and possible treatment plans.
- COVID-19 testing is available to everyone admitted to Vanderbilt Psychiatric Hospital.

Despite the many challenges COVID-19 presents, we are working hard to continue to provide you with quality care for your behavioral health needs. Let us know if you have any questions.

It is our privilege to serve you during this difficult time. We appreciate your patience.

For additional information, go to Vanderbilt Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information for Patients and Visitors at [vumc.org/coronavirus/information-patients-and-visitors](https://www.vumc.org/coronavirus/information-patients-and-visitors).