

Our commitment as we resume elective surgeries

As we continue to monitor the dynamic shifts of the COVID-19 pandemic, HCA Healthcare has begun to thoughtfully re-introduce elective procedures and surgeries at our facilities.

Elective Surgeries

- Elective procedures **will take place as clinically appropriate** at facilities that adhere to guidelines established by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), as well as state and local health officials.
- In analyzing the risk and benefit of any planned procedure, the **clinical circumstances will be evaluated by the provider.**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The primary goal of our **PPE strategy is the safety of all colleagues, and to ensure all caregivers have the PPE they need** as determined by clinical evidence and CDC guidelines for the patient and care setting they are working in.

- Unlike most other local market providers, **we are part of HCA Healthcare's global supply chain** and are tracking daily consumption of necessary PPE including all varieties of masks, gowns (surgical and isolation), gloves, and face shields/goggles.
- Through this collaboration and based on current analysis, **we have all varieties of PPE necessary** to provide care for all medical and surgical services provided by our hospitals, including

predicted variation in COVID-19 and PUI cases. Should there be any disruption of supply, a rapid response mitigation plan and strategy will be executed and communicated to all of our physician colleagues.

- **CMS and CDC guidelines recommend continuing conservation strategies** through the resumption of elective/scheduled services to preserve PPE capacity in the event of a resurgence. These recommendations include:
 - Use re-usable PPE that can be reprocessed.
 - Use PPE beyond the manufacturer-designated shelf life for training.
 - Consider allowing HCP to extend use of respirators, facemasks, and eye protection, beyond a single patient contact.
- While our **current stock of N95's supports resumptions of elective/scheduled services**, the ability to procure these masks from manufacturers is still limited, requiring that we follow both reuse recommendations and limit use to PUI cases and COVID positives, as well as high risk procedures such as intubations or other airway manipulation.
- Pre-operative testing of patients undergoing high risk procedures is an important part of our N95 preservation strategy

Our willingness to adapt is a direct reflection of our commitment to providing the highest caliber care.

We are providing additional information you may share with your patients about our hospital safety and if you have questions or need assistance in rescheduling your cases, please contact {your Physician and Provider Relations Representative}.