

States With Elective Medical Procedures Guidance in Effect (Updated May 18, 2020)

	Summary of Guidance	Effective Until
Alabama	<p>Beginning March 28, all dental, medical, or surgical procedures are directed to be postponed unless they are necessary to treat an emergency medical condition, as defined by the order, to avoid serious harm from an underlying condition or disease, or are part of a patient's ongoing and active treatment.</p> <p>Update 5/1: Amended Executive Order on April 28, to state that effective April 30, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., dental, medical, or surgical procedures may proceed unless the State Health Officer or his designee determines that performing such procedures would reduce PPE access for COVID-19 treatment</p>	April 30, 2020
Alaska	<p>On March 16, Alaska's chief medical officer issued a health alert advising that all Alaskans follow the US surgeon general's advice. On April 21, the state updated Health Mandate 015, allows for a provision for resuming non-urgent Non-Emergent Elective Surgeries and Procedures</p> <p>Section III to go into effect May 4, 2020</p>	May 4, 2020
Arizona	<p>Beginning April 22, all non-essential or elective surgeries, including elective dental surgeries, that use PPE or ventilators can be performed as of May 1 if they can prove implemented measures of PPE, adequate staffing and bed capacity & testing of staff and patients</p>	May 1, 2020
Arkansas	<p>On April 22, Governor Hutchison announced that he is "...lifting the restriction on elective procedures in our hospitals in Arkansas and our clinics"</p>	April 27, 2020
California	<p>On April 29, Governor Newsom issued considerations for resuming services including elective procedures, noting that some parts of the State will allow elective procedures sooner than others. Of note, local press has reported that "few" elective procedures are being performed Statewide</p>	TBD
Connecticut	<p>Note: Elective procedures were not part of Gov. Lamont's Executive Order but the Governor's Office told NBC News that elective procedures may resume on May 1</p>	May 1, 2020
Colorado	<p>On April 26, 2020, Governor Polis issued Executive Order D 2020 045 stating that "Voluntary or elective medical, dental, and veterinary surgeries and procedures may resume if facilities are following required safety protocols" on the 27th</p>	April 27, 2020
District of Columbia	<p>On March 17 DC Health issued recommendations on limitations of elective and non-urgent medical and dental procedures. The order states that, "in addition to halting all hospital elective procedures, DC Health is recommending that ALL elective medical procedures, non-</p>	Until Final Notice

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	urgent hospital and outpatient visits, and non-urgent dental procedures be postponed to preserve health care capacity as our community mitigation strategies work to flatten the epidemic curve.”	
Florida	<p>All medically unnecessary, non-urgent or non-emergency procedures and surgeries are prohibited as long as the delay does not risk a patient's health or contribute to the worsening of a patient's serious or life-threatening condition. The order applies to all health care providers, including dentists.</p> <p>Update 4/27: On April 23, Governor DeSantis stated that “We need to get these elective procedures back online,”</p> <p>Update 5/1: On April 29, Governor DeSantis announced Executive Order 20-112 which allows “Medical services, including elective procedures, surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental offices, orthodontic offices, endodontic office and other health care practitioners' offices may fully re-open” under the condition of assisting nursing homes and long-term care facilities (FAQ)</p>	<p>May 4, 2020 12:01 AM</p>
Hawaii	On April 16, Governor Ige signed an executive order directing, “...all health care facilities, health care professionals, and health care volunteers...to render assistance in support of the State’s response to the disaster recognized by the Emergency Proclamations	Until Further Notice
Illinois	<p>On April 24, the Illinois Department of Public Health announced new guidance in which hospitals and ASTCs may begin to perform elective surgeries and procedures on May 11 provided for specific, stringent criteria</p> <p>Update 5/1: On May 1, the Chicago Tribune reported that “The governor’s new order allows certain state parks to reopen and some elective medical procedures to resume, particularly in areas with fewer cases of the new coronavirus,” however, as of this writing, the Illinois Department of Public Health has not updated its previous guidance</p>	May 11, 2020
Indiana	On April 24, Governor Holcomb signed Executive Order 20-24 to allow health care providers and facilities to resume elective medical procedures provided they have sufficient quantities of PPE and consult the best practices and recommendations developed by their medical associations or industries	<p>April 27, 2020 (*Midnight April 26)</p>

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Iowa	On April 24, Governor Reynolds signed a new proclamation permitting health care providers to begin the process of resuming some elective surgeries and procedures through a phased approach effective immediately	April 24, 2020
Kentucky	Governor Andy Beshear announced on April 23 that health care practitioners can resume non-urgent/emergent health care services, diagnostic radiology and lab services in: Hospital outpatient setting, health care clinics and medical offices, physical therapy settings, chiropractic offices and optometrists, dental offices (but with enhanced aerosol protections)	April 27, 2020
Louisiana	On April 20, health department issued a revised order allowing medical procedures to be performed on April 27, 2020 under several conditions	April 27, 2020
Maine	Elective medical procedures are recommended to be postponed and rescheduled.	Until Further Notice
Maryland	<p>Authorizes the Secretary of Health to restrict the use of health care facilities for elective medical procedures.</p> <p>Update 4/27: Governor Hogan released the Maryland Strong Roadmap to Recovery on April 24, which indicates that elective procedures will resume in “Low Risk” and “Medium Risk” stages</p> <p>Update 5/18: Governor Hogan announced that the Maryland Department of Health will issue guidelines, effective immediately, to allow for elective procedures to resume at the discretion of local hospitals and healthcare providers</p>	May 6, 2020
Massachusetts	All hospitals are to adhere to guidance published by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding the scheduling, cancellation, and performance of non-essential elective invasive procedures. The guidance recommends that providers use their clinical judgment on a case-by-case basis and consider the preservation of the patient's life and health. The guidance does not apply to the cancellation or delay of life sustaining care.	For the Duration of the State of Emergency
Michigan	<p>By March 21, all health care and dental facilities must have implemented a plan to temporarily postpone all non-essential procedures. The order applies to medical and dental procedures that are not necessary to address a medical emergency or to preserve the health and safety of a patient, as determined by a medical provider</p> <p>Update 4/27: Several articles since April 23 (Here, Here) highlighting patients urging Governor Whitmer to ease elective medical procedure restrictions</p>	For the Duration of the State of Emergency

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	<p>Update 5/1: According to local media, on April 29, Governor Whitmer announced that a decision on medical procedures that are considered "elective" will be coming in a day or so but as of 5/1 no further information has been announced (Media Source)</p> <p>Update: 5/18: On May 2, Governor Whitmer encouraged residents to schedule elective procedures. Additionally, several Michigan medical practices sued Governor Whitmer on May 18 over the state's public health executive orders, claiming they should now be allowed to reopen</p>	
Minnesota	<p>Beginning March 23, non-essential or elective surgeries and procedures, including non-emergency or elective dental care that use PPE or ventilators are to be postponed indefinitely (FAQ)</p> <p>Update 5/1: On April 30, the Minnesota Department of Health released draft guidance on the resumption of elective medical procedures for comment, indicating that Governor Walz may lift the postponement (Media Source)</p>	For the Duration of Executive Order 20-01
Mississippi	On April 24, Governor Tate Reeves signed an Executive Order stating that healthcare professionals and facilities may resume performing elective medical and dental procedures and surgeries as allowed and approved by MSDH on April 27	April 27, 2020
Nebraska	Starting on May 4th, elective surgeries may resume as long as hospitals and healthcare facilities meet requirements for available bed capacity and have adequate supplies of PPE	May 4, 2020
New Jersey	<p>Elective surgeries and procedures, whether medical or dental, are directed to be canceled and postponed.</p> <p>Update 5/18: Governor Murphy issued an Executive Order on May 15 allowing certain elective procedures to begin on May 18</p>	May 18, 2020
New Mexico	On March 25, Governor Grisham announced the release of a new order that would in part prohibits "all hospitals and other health care facilities, ambulatory surgical facilities, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices in the State of New Mexico...from providing non-essential health care services, procedures, and surgeries."	The Duration of Executive Order 2020-004
New York	Hospitals will be able to resume performing elective outpatient treatments on April 28, 2020 if the hospital capacity is over 25 percent for the county and if there have been fewer than 10 new hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients in the county over the past 10 days	April 28, 2020

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	Update 5/18: On May 13, Governor Cuomo announced that a total of 47 counties can now resume elective surgeries	
North Carolina	On March 20, all hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers were requested to suspend all elective and non-urgent procedures and surgeries.	Until Further Notice
Ohio	Revised March 17 policy of all non-essential or elective surgeries and procedures that utilize PPE should not be conducted. Eliminate non-essential individuals from surgery and procedure rooms and patient care areas to preserve PPE. Update 4/27: New order effective April 22 directing healthcare professionals to review any postponed procedures or surgeries with their patients Update 5/1: On April 30, OhioHealth announced that in accordance with Governor Mike DeWine's guidance, it will begin a gradual return to elective surgeries which do not require an overnight stay at all hospital and outpatient surgery centers starting Friday, May 1	May 1, 2020
Oklahoma	Beginning March 24 and renewed on April 1, all elective surgeries are directed to be postponed until April 30, 2020.	April 30, 2020
Oregon	By March 23, all elective and non-urgent procedures across all care settings that use PPE are to be cancelled or rescheduled no earlier than June 15 so that PPE can be conserved and redirected for COVID-19 response efforts Update 4/27: On April 23, Governor Kate Brown announced she will be lifting her order delaying non-urgent procedures for health care providers, as long as they can demonstrate they have met new requirements for COVID-19 safety and preparedness on May 1	May 1, 2020
Pennsylvania	The Pennsylvania Department of Health directs that all dental treatment except for emergencies be ceased and provides guidance on the procedures to be implemented at sites for emergency dental care Update 4/27: On April 27, Health Department released guidance to provide a process for hospitals and ambulatory surgery facilities to resume elective surgeries, procedures and admissions	May 9, 2020

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	Update 5/18: Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Dr Rachel Levine said May 6 that the state is allowing elective procedures to start in hospitals and health systems as well as ambulatory surgical facilities in most counties, but not the hardest hit. On May 9, DOH released new Guidance on COVID-19 for Health Care Providers in Pennsylvania revising previous instruction as stay-at-home orders are lifted. Providers may resume non-urgent and elective care when appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is available and telemedicine is not sufficient. DOH recommends screening patients for symptoms	
Rhode Island	All Rhode Island dental professionals are requested to follow the ADA recommendation that all dental providers nationwide postpone elective procedures for three weeks, effective March 17, 2020. Update 5/18: Rhode Island Governor released guidance stating that elective medical procedures may resume under safety guidelines	May 4, 2020
South Carolina	Several executive orders without any specific guidance on elective surgery, however, Governor McMaster created “accelerateSC” taskforce leading the re-opening includes representatives from the medical community (See More Below)	TBD
South Dakota	The postponement of all non-essential elective surgeries is encouraged as a way of conserving PPE supplies (Note: Order will be re-evaluated by May 31 latest)	Until Further Notice
Tennessee	Beginning March 24 and renewed on April 9, all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental services and procedures, as defined by the order, are directed to be postponed.	April 30, 2020
Texas	All surgeries and procedures not immediately medically necessary, as determined by the patient's physician, are to be postponed. The order is in effect until the end of April 21.	April 22, 2020 (*Midnight April 21)
Utah	On March 25, all healthcare professionals and facilities are directed to postpone all elective surgeries and procedures in accordance with guidance promulgated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on March 18, 2020 Update 4/27: Rescinded Executive Order to allow resumption of some elective procedures pursuant to guidelines established in consultation with the Utah Hospital Association, the Utah Medical Association, the Utah Dental Association, and other medical providers effective as of April 22	April 22, 2020
Vermont	All clinicians are ordered to postpone all non-essential adult elective surgery and medical and surgical procedures, including all dental procedures. Factors to consider when determining whether a planned surgery should proceed include: current and projected COVID-19 cases in	May 15, 2020

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	the facility and region, the supply of PPE to the facilities in the system, staffing availability, bed availability (especially ICU beds), ventilator availability, the health and age of the patient, and urgency of the procedure.	
Virginia	<p>All healthcare facilities are directed to cease procedures and surgeries that require PPE if the delay will not cause harm to the patient. Outpatient visits delivered in hospital-based clinics are excluded from the order. The order does not apply to family planning services and procedures nor to treatment for patients with emergency or urgent needs. The order was to remain in effect until April 24, 2020</p> <p>Update 4/27: On April 23, Governor Ralph Northam today extended the current ban on elective surgeries by one week, until May 1</p>	May 1, 2020
Washington	<p>Health care services, procedures, and surgeries that, if delayed, are not anticipated to cause harm to the patient within the next 3 months are prohibited. Exclusions from the prohibition include outpatient visits at hospital based clinics, the full suite of family planning services and procedures, procedures or treatment for emergency or urgent needs, and surgery that, if delayed would result in a patient's condition worsening.</p> <p>Update 5/1: On April 29, Gov. Inslee announced new guidance that "...gives health care providers more leeway to resume some nonurgent medical procedures that he had halted in response to the coronavirus pandemic." However, according to local media, "Inslee's actions don't materially change his order on medical procedures, originally announced March 19, which stopped all nonurgent medical and dental procedures. Instead, he is issuing new guidance in how his initial order should be interpreted." (Media Source)</p>	May 18, 2020
West Virginia	On March 31 Governor Justice issued an executive order prohibiting all elective medical procedures, "...provided that patients will still have access to urgent, medically necessary procedures like those needed to preserve the patient's life or long-term health	April 27, 2020

Sources: Association of State and Territorial Health Officials ([Link](#)), Ambulatory Surgery Center Association ([Link](#)), American Medical Association ([Link](#)) and various Press Releases and other documents