

## **Resuming Elective/Non-essential Surgeries, Procedures & Diagnostic Imaging Studies**

Resuming elective/non-essential surgeries, procedures, and diagnostic imaging studies with the first step starting with the Governor's EO set to expire next Monday, May 4th. More guidance will be released by the Governor and KDHE on Thursday.

In addition, the urgent/emergent cases being done currently, this is the proposed process to resume elective/non-essential cases with the following patient selection criteria:

- Patient must be able to meet entry screening criteria on the day they are scheduled.
- Outpatient or extended recovery only.
- No nursing home patients.
- No procedures that are expected to place a patient in skilled services in a nursing home facility.
- Patients  $\leq 60$  y/o with minimal comorbidities.
- Patients 61 – 70 y/o without significant comorbidities including:
  - o Chronic pulmonary or cardiac disease
  - o Immunosuppression
  - o Hypertension requiring 3+ meds to manage
    - Class II or worse obesity (BMI  $\geq 35$ )
- No patients  $> 70$  y/o.

Additionally, you should revisit and prioritize patients with a cancer-related diagnosis requiring surgical intervention that may have been postponed. Even if they don't fit the criteria above, they may have moved from the essential but non-urgent category into the essential and urgent category.

In addition to utilization, monitoring consumption of PPE and local/regional COVID-19 activity closely and over time will loosen restrictions further based on those factors. Visitor restrictions will remain in place for the foreseeable future until we all have a better idea of what will happen with COVID-19 activity once stay at home orders are lifted.