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Military Health System Stakeholders and Partners,

More updates on COVID-19:

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1) Resumption of Elective Surgery

Recently, the department updated the policy on elective surgeries and procedures. This policy aligns the resumption of elective procedures with the department's health protection condition (HPCON) framework and the administration's Opening Up America Again plan. The policy instructs military medical and dental treatment facility (MTF and DTF) directors and commanders to consider a number of factors before resuming elective procedures. These factors include: Installation Health Protection Condition (HPCON), Healthcare capacity, including TRICARE network capacity, MTF and DTF staffing, Individual personal protective equipment availability, and COVID-19 testing availability for DoD patients and staff. I have attached a fact sheet and the related memo, but they can also be found at [\[https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/2194074/resumption-of-elective-surgery\]](https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/2194074/resumption-of-elective-surgery).

Please note that implementation will be determined by each individual MTF/DTF based on factors in the memo. We encourage beneficiaries to direct any questions they may have to their local MTF or DTF and will share additional information as it becomes available.

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As a reminder, the Military Health System has established [\[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2f%2fwww.tricare.mil%2fcoronavirus&c=E,1,ySAR7cJSBVkpRLJ4bMOv2TYgifhF3TNMUrUAGiSzFvpC9m3-KFk7P\\_hjhGbpGdM\\_DPL\\_G3k7pjWOdCtp-GZm\\_ixlvtpMoSaP3cwZzIMly30kq\\_M8gAF0wXQ,&typo=0\]](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2f%2fwww.tricare.mil%2fcoronavirus&c=E,1,ySAR7cJSBVkpRLJ4bMOv2TYgifhF3TNMUrUAGiSzFvpC9m3-KFk7P_hjhGbpGdM_DPL_G3k7pjWOdCtp-GZm_ixlvtpMoSaP3cwZzIMly30kq_M8gAF0wXQ,&typo=0) as the primary information resource for MHS beneficiaries. We will update this regularly as new information comes available. We also maintain up-to-date information about our Military Health System policies at [\[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fHealth.mil%2fCoronavirus&c=E,1,mQ6Onwhs4QpMAWMnLpCW3C3NGIrfGS\\_jsdB7ma6ouwBXtuxZ-LoyE\\_F2Z3e2TdCnMeeY\\_otp0KpSiwUBegqWpZt\\_Ns2BobxofbH2tNQHI\\_QrbB-Ewguys6b3Y,&typo=0\]](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fHealth.mil%2fCoronavirus&c=E,1,mQ6Onwhs4QpMAWMnLpCW3C3NGIrfGS_jsdB7ma6ouwBXtuxZ-LoyE_F2Z3e2TdCnMeeY_otp0KpSiwUBegqWpZt_Ns2BobxofbH2tNQHI_QrbB-Ewguys6b3Y,&typo=0).

Thanks much!

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