

## MEMO

**Date:** March 22, 2020  
**To:** All Health Care Providers & Regulators  
**From:** **Dr. Brent Roussin**  
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Health System Integration & Quality,  
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**Re: COVID-19 – Directive Regarding Non-Essential Services**

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All non-essential and elective health services should immediately be ceased or reduced to minimal levels. Allowable exceptions include: emergency services; time-sensitive services necessary to avert or avoid negative patient outcomes OR to avert or avoid situations that would have direct impact on patient safety.

Regulated health professionals should be guided by their respective regulatory College when making decisions related to the reduction or elimination of non-essential and elective services.