

Country	Status of Elective Procedures
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- *Medical appointments should be prioritized according to people's medical records and if they are within the population at risk.*
- *In scheduled surgery services, although ICU occupancy has decreased, the Secretariat recommends limiting highly complex procedures that are not urgent as much as possible.*
- *For dental services, it is recommended to guarantee emergency care, related to all painful, traumatic and inflammatory events, as well as priority procedures that do not put people's health at risk.*
- *This provision of health services is due to the increase in the number of ICU beds in Bogotá, which currently has 1,268 beds.*

*Additionally, **Circular 57 of 2020** was published, also from Bogotá, which presents "Recommendations for the operational modification of outpatient, hospital and surgery services. Adjustment to the Human Talent criteria for the operation of ICU services and others in the framework of the Covid-19 emergency".*

*In this document, specific recommendations are presented for:*

- *General recommendations for healthcare professionals and the community in general*
- *External consultation*
- *Emergency services*
- *Scheduled surgery services*
- *Aesthetic and reconstructive plastic surgery services*
- *Hospitalization services*
- *Dental services*
- *Authorization of transitory services in the framework of the health emergency*

**VALLE DEL CAUCA:** *On September 1/2020, Valle del Cauca Health Secretariat modified the healthcare service provision system in the region, defining the conditions of health services for Covid patients and for non-Covid patients. As announced, a reorganization of health services will be carried out to recover the outpatient and scheduled care that had been suspended.*

**ANTIOQUIA:** *Through circular 0354 of 2020, the Government of Antioquia announces the opening of health services in this circular, including outpatient surgical procedures that do not require occupation of hospital beds or care in ICU and outpatient consultation. This measure came into effect on August 27.*

**CARTAGENA:** *The Mayor of Cartagena has announced that as of September 1, 60% of the economic sectors will be reactivated. Among these, the reactivation of health services and care is authorized. The Plan will have a website where citizens can leave their ideas on adaptation and*

	<p><i>reactivation, in addition to learning about the progress of the entire process in a transversal manner.</i></p> <p><b>Reactivation of Health Services Campaign – ANDI</b></p> <p><i>According to the new stage of selective isolation adopted by the National Government, Healthcare Providers (IPS) and Payers (EPS) leaders invite you to maintain self-care at home and resume postponed treatments and procedures.</i></p> <p><i>Companies report that clinics and hospitals in the country are prepared with hygiene and disinfection measures according to the guidelines to receive patients again.</i></p> <p><u><i>In other regions in the country, health services and elective surgeries are being reopened.</i></u></p>
<p><b>México</b></p> <p>Octavio Avendaño  <a href="mailto:oavendan@its.jnj.com">oavendan@its.jnj.com</a></p> <p>Adriana Obregón  <a href="mailto:AObregon@ITS.JNJ.com">AObregon@ITS.JNJ.com</a></p>	<p><b>Official guidance to delay elective procedures?</b></p> <p><i>No. Nor the MoH or the 32 states health authorities issued an official guidance but effectively most elective surgeries were delayed and, in the case of public hospitals that are Covid hospitals, elective surgeries were not allowed during the period that the peak of cases were reported.</i></p> <p><i>To depressurize public hospitals, on April 8<sup>th</sup> the MoH announced a collaboration plan with a network of 250 private hospitals (with 3,175 available beds) to expand medical attention capacity for non Covid patients of the public sector for the following procedures: delivery, pregnancy and postpartum care; caesarean sections; appendix diseases; complicated hernias; complicated gastric and duodenal ulcers, and endoscopies. This allowed the public sector hospitals to focus on Covid attention and emergencies. The agreement can be found in <a href="https://www.hospitalesxmexico.com/">https://www.hospitalesxmexico.com/</a> and came into force first from April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup>, but was extended until September.</i></p> <p><i>However, in the private sector most of the hospitals have set their own guidance for elective procedures and only in case an emergency allowed them to do so. Each patient must begin their pre-acceptance 48 hours in advanced with a general review by a doctor, who is not his main physician, a COVID19 test and a thorax X-RAY.</i></p> <p><b>Official guidance on reopen elective procedures?</b></p> <p><i>On September 21<sup>st</sup> the Federal Government published in the Official Gazette (DOF) an Agreement that publishes the Guide to guarantee the continuity of services in the medical units of the Federal Public</i></p>

	<p><i>Administration (APF) in the New Normality (attached) which can be found in the website <a href="http://www.coronavirus.gob.mx">www.coronavirus.gob.mx</a>.</i></p> <p><i>Its purpose is to define concrete actions that allow the reorganization of health care units at all levels to resume the care of non-COVID-19 patients, taking care of the response capacity for COVID patients, guaranteeing the continuity of operations, organized to respond to this new scenario of demand in health care services. It establishes that each Medical Unit will develop a Continuity Plan, the Prioritization of Services that will be reopened as well as other requirements (PPE, support from technicians in operating rooms, etc.) that will determine the safe reopening of services.</i></p> <p><b>Stage of elective procedures recovery?</b></p> <p><i>In the private sector the number of non-Covid patients have increase significantly: For example, non-Covid hospitals like ABC Santa Fe and SAI Patriotismo presented in the previous week a 100% of occupation for elective surgeries and Hospital ABC Observatorio (Covid hospital) has begun to open beds for elective surgeries. We are expecting that in the northern states the number of surgeries during October will be like those reported during Q1.</i></p> <p><i>In the public sector, some hospitals that were converted to Covid hospitals have begun to reopen beds for non-Covid patients and are developing their Continuity Plans to reopen elective surgeries that are including surgical procedures during weekends.</i></p>
<p><b>Chile</b></p> <p>Luz Sosa  <a href="mailto:LSosaLei@its.jnj.com">LSosaLei@its.jnj.com</a></p>	<p><b>Official guidance to delay elective procedures?</b></p> <p><i>Yes. Resolution 591 of 25 July established that elective surgeries whose delay does not pose a serious risk to the health of the patient should be postponed, except for those that meet any of the following conditions: Are major outpatient surgeries, are surgeries whose expected hospitalization does not exceed one night.</i></p> <p><i>The duration of this measure is indefinite in nature until epidemiological conditions allow its suspension.</i></p> <p><b>Official guidance on reopen elective procedures?</b></p> <p><i>Yes. Resolution 640 of August 11, 2020 eliminates the postponement of elective surgeries established by Resolution 591.</i></p> <p><b>Stage of elective procedures recovery?</b></p> <p><i>Healthcare services continue to resume care for non-COVID diseases and progressive recovery of elective surgeries in different regions of the country is perceived.</i></p>

<p><b>Argentina</b></p> <p>Sebastian Parigi  <a href="mailto:sparigi@ITS.JNJ.com">sparigi@ITS.JNJ.com</a></p>	<p><b>Official guidance to delay elective procedures?</b>  <i>MoH published a recommendation to suspend scheduled surgeries. Also, the medical associations had their own recommendations</i></p> <p><b>Official guidance on reopen elective procedures?</b>  <i>No national guideline. Different trade associations are working on protocols to present to the government to be adopted.</i></p> <p><b>Stage of elective procedures recovery?</b>  <i>Is expected the MoH to change recommendations.</i></p> <p><b>No additional updates</b></p>
<p><b>Brazil</b></p> <p>Totino, Andre [JANBR]  <a href="mailto:avieir19@ITS.JNJ.com">avieir19@ITS.JNJ.com</a></p> <p>Yuba, Tania [MEDBR]  <a href="mailto:TYuba@ITS.JNJ.com">TYuba@ITS.JNJ.com</a></p>	<p><b>Official guidance to delay elective procedures?</b></p> <p><b>Parana:</b> Provides for the temporary suspension of performing elective hospital surgical procedures requiring intensive care in the postoperative period and / or in patients under general anesthesia, due to the shortage of anesthetic drugs and muscle relaxants in the State of Paraná.</p> <p><b>Minas Gerais:</b> There was no full return on electives (only the essential c.). Art. 4 - While the state of PUBLIC CALAMITY lasts, it is suspended in the public network and in the private network contracted or contracted with SUS, the performance of:              I - non-essential elective surgeries and surgical procedures;              II - consultations, exams and non-essential outpatient procedures.</p> <p><b>Official guidance on reopen elective procedures?</b></p> <p><b>Sergipe:</b> Institutes the state register of private health service providers to carry out elective surgeries in a joint effort regime and normalizes their formatting. It constitutes the special commission for the evaluation of the accreditation proposals for formalizing the state register of private health service providers to carry out elective surgeries under a joint effort.</p> <p><b>Mato Grosso do Sul:</b> Authorizes the resumption of elective surgeries by the state public network and the contracted network.</p> <p><b>Piauí:</b> Provides for guidelines for the return of specialized outpatient procedures (consultations and exams) and elective surgeries in public and private establishments contracted under SUS in the state of Piauí.</p> <p><b>Rio Grande do Norte:</b> Establishes the resumption of * elective surgeries              * offered by SESAP, following the recommendations for safety measures for patients and health professionals.</p>

	<p><b>Santa Catarina:</b> Authorizes Hospital Units to resume the scheduling and performance of elective surgical procedures of medium and high complexity, as well as surgical procedures performed in the “Day hospital” modality.</p>
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