

Country	Status of Elective Procedures
<p>Colombia</p> <p>María Helena Castillo Mcastil8@its.jnj.com</p> <p>Nicolas Medellin nmedelli@ITS.JNJ.com</p>	<p>Official guidance to delay elective procedures? <i>Yes, started with the sanitary emergency declaration by the government to mitigate the contagious of Covid-19 in the country.</i></p> <p>Official guidance on re-open elective procedures? <i>On July 2020, the Ministry of Health published the “Guidelines for the restoration of health services in the mitigation and control phases of the health emergency by Covid-19 in Colombia (version 3), with the purpose of guiding health service providers and EAPB (payers) to reopen their services, guaranteeing the implementation of biosafety protocols in their institutions.</i></p> <p>Stage of elective procedures recovery? <i>Due to the increase of Covid-19 cases in the country, some electives surgeries and health services was postponed.</i></p> <p>Bogotá: <i>According to the information provided by the Health Secretary of Bogota, it was reported that the declaration of a hospital red alert would be maintained in the city. Elective non-urgent or non-priority medical procedures of the different hospitalization, surgical, external consultation, specific protection and early detection and diagnostic support services will be suspended. therapeutic supplementation, requiring the use of oxygen and medications for sedation, analgesia, and neuromuscular relaxation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ICU occupation: 95%</i> <p>Barranquilla: <i>Through Decree 100 of May 20, 2021, the yellow alert is declared in the hospital system. According to the decree, within the framework of the yellow alert it will be possible to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The EPS (payers) and IPS (HCI) should prioritize the attention of emergency events and priority consultations of suspected and / or confirmed cases of patients with COVID-19 coronavirus infection, unusual SARI, SARI and ARI.</i> • <i>Guarantee a wide and sufficient service provider network for home and / or hospital care</i> • <i>The IPS (HCI) must guarantee the availability of supplies and equipment, medical devices, medicines, and human talent for health care.</i> • <i>ICU occupation: 68.6%</i> <p>Medellín: <i>Through Decree 721 of 2021, the Governor extended the hospital red alert in the Department of Antioquia until May 30, 2021.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>During the term that the RED ALERT remains, the Network of Health Service Providers of the department of Antioquia will suspend the non-urgent or deferred scheduled elective and outpatient surgery procedures that require hospitalization service.</i> • <i>Strategies that allow the release of service beds should be strengthened.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue developing the plan for the organization, expansion and strengthening of human talent in health formulated by the Ministry of Health • ICU occupancy: 98% <p>Cali: Through Decree 273 of 2021, the Mayor's Office of Cali maintained the red alert throughout the territory until May 31 as a measure to protect the population in the field of health and citizen security, to give Continuation of the mitigation actions of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in Cali.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICU occupancy: 98% <p>Bucaramanga: The Government of Santander, through Decree 231 of 2021, extended the declaration of a hospital red alert, for which it established the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of scheduled non-vital surgeries in the metropolitan area and municipalities with ICU occupancy greater than 80%. • The IPS (HCI) and other Health Benefit Plan Administrators must comply with the Declaration of Health Emergency and develop strategies that allow the release of ICU beds for the care of COVID patients. • The IPS (HCI) must optimize the use of drugs and develop preventive plans with medical oxygen providers that allow distribution and supply. In addition, the EPS (Payers) must deliver medications via home. • EPS (Payers) should intensify the performance of molecular tests RT-PCR SARS-CoV-2. • The EPS (Payers) are recommended to intensify hospitalization at home and daily check-up of discharged patients. • ICU occupancy: 98%
<p>México</p> <p>Octavio Avendaño oavendan@its.jnj.com</p> <p>Adriana Obregón AObregon@ITS.JNJ.com</p>	<p>Official guidance to delay elective procedures?</p> <p>No. Due to the outbreak of Covid cases in Mexico during January, February and March most elective surgeries in the public sector were delayed since bed hospitals were assigned for covid attention.</p> <p>But the MoH announced on May 25th that Mexico has presented a sustained reduction of covid cases during the last 19 weeks.</p> <p>This has allowed the closure of covid areas in public and private hospitals and a gradual increase in health services.</p> <p>Official guidance on re-open elective procedures?</p> <p>On September 21st the Federal Government published in the Official Gazette (DOF) the Guide to guarantee the continuity of services in the medical units of the Federal Public Administration (APF) in the New Normality which can be found in the website www.coronavirus.gob.mx.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p><i>On March 15th, the General Director of the Mexican Institute of Social Security announced that they will reopen care in general surgery, oncology, gynecology, ophthalmology, among others, to begin the recovery of its medical services that were reduced due to the Covid-19 pandemic.</i></p> <p>Stage of elective procedures recovery? <i>During May, surgical volume served through our procedural selling model experienced a light but consistent increase vs the previous 2 months, with levels almost reaching those observed to pre-COVID months (95%).</i></p> <p><i>Elective surgeries keep accounting for 55-60% of total surgical volume.</i></p> <p><i>Public hospitals continue allocating resources to COVID treatment, with surgeries around 50% vs 1Q 2020; elective surgeries are lightly increasing.</i></p> <p><i>While we saw a change from orange to yellow and even green in the epidemiologic light in key states, there have been no significant changes (upgrades, downgrades) in care protocols and access restrictions vs 1Q 2021 in both private and public hospitals whatsoever. PPE, hand hygiene and social distancing are still the cornerstones of COVID prevention strategy within hospitals.</i></p>
<p>Chile</p> <p>Luz Sosa LSosaLei@its.jnj.com</p>	<p>Official guidance to delay elective procedures?</p> <p><i>Yes, partial delay of elective surgery procedures. Resolution 445 of May 24, 2021, allows for the performance of elective procedures under the following circumstances: i) that the performance of the procedure does not reduce the availability of ICU beds, and ii) that the surgical activity has been previously authorized by each Health Service, to the extent that the care of severe cases of COVID-19 allows it.</i></p> <p><i>Similar criteria are being applied by the Ministry of Health for the performance of surgeries under the Explicit Health Guarantees (GES), following the enactment of Decree 8, of May 17, 2021, which allows for the performance of surgeries under GES, when it does not mean a decrease in the availability of beds with invasive ventilation capacity</i></p> <p>Official guidance on re-open elective procedures?</p> <p><i>Yes, Resolution 445 has partially reopened the performance of elective surgeries, subject to the conditions mentioned above.</i></p>

	<p>Stage of elective procedures recovery?</p> <p><i>Partially suspended. Elective surgery procedures are permitted subject to the conditions of Resolution 445 mentioned above are met.</i></p>
<p>Argentina</p> <p>Sebastian Parigi sparigi@ITS.JNJ.com</p>	<p>Official guidance to delay elective procedures?</p> <p><i>MoH published a recommendation to suspend scheduled surgeries. Also, the medical associations had their own recommendations</i></p> <p>Official guidance on re-open elective procedures?</p> <p><i>No national guideline. Different trade associations are working on protocols to present to the government to be adopted.</i></p> <p>Stage of elective procedures recovery?</p> <p><i>The Ministry of Health recommended pausing non-urgent surgeries until mid-May due to the healthcare system saturation and lack of beds.</i></p>
<p>Brazil</p> <p>Totino, Andre [JANBR] avieir19@ITS.JNJ.com</p> <p>Yuba, Tania [MEDBR] TYuba@ITS.JNJ.com</p>	<p>Official guidance to delay elective procedures?</p> <p>PE: <i>PE government announces new extension and elective surgeries are suspended until June 6. Announcement was made this Tuesday (25th) by the state, in the daily follow-up bulletin of Covid-19. This measure applies to public and private networks.</i></p> <p>PR: <i>This Tuesday (25) by the State Department of Health (Sesa) suspends the performance of elective surgeries in public and private hospitals in Paraná. The measure, valid for 30 days, comes into force on Wednesday (26). The standard does not affect cardiology, oncology, nephrology and other exams and procedures considered to be urgent and emergency procedures.</i></p> <p>MG: <i>Elective surgeries will remain suspended in Minas Gerais until June 30 - following the pattern of the purple wave - until there is a stock of medicines and anesthetics necessary for intubation.</i></p> <p>Official guidance on re-open elective procedures?</p> <p>SC: <i>Government of SC authorizes resumption of elective surgery in hospitals release applies to public, philanthropic, and private units. Hospitals need to continue caring for Covid patients and cannot resume electives if there is a shortage of medications.</i></p> <p>ES: <i>Elective surgeries and outpatient consultations will resume in May in Espirito Santo. The return is valid for both procedures performed in the public network and those performed in the private network.</i></p> <p>AM: <i>The joint Technical Note (NT) of the Amazonas State Department of Health (SES-AM) and the Health Surveillance Foundation (FVS-AM), published Friday (05/14), authorizes the</i></p>

	<p><i>resumption of elective surgeries in the state public health network. The return to elective procedures considers the epidemiological scenario of the pandemic in Amazonas.</i></p> <p>RR: <i>The return of elective surgeries was announced by the State Health Secretariat (Sesau) according to ordinance No. 1,289 / 2021 in the Official Gazette of the State (DOERR). The decree determined the resumption of elective surgical procedures at Sesau, stressing that the suspension may be readmitted if the insufficiency of resources necessary to face the pandemic is verified, or a situation duly justified by management.</i></p> <p>DF: <i>The Department of Health of the Federal District (SES-DF) authorized, the resumption of elective surgeries in public hospitals. However, operations that depend on a postoperative bed in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) remain suspended.</i></p> <p>Stage of elective procedures recovery? <i>Given the worsening of the pandemic scenario in the country, there is a setback in the resumption of elective surgeries, the return of the suspension of elective surgeries in several regions of the country. But there are some regions in the country that are gradually and incrementally resuming the return of elective surgeries.</i></p>
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