



COVID-19 Update

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To: HHS physicians

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Subject: **Chief Medical Officer of Health order on ramping down non-urgent and non-emergent surgeries and procedures**

Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) [continues to respond to provincial direction](#) to ramp down [scheduled surgeries and non-emergent/non-urgent activities](#) to preserve critical care and human resource capacity.

These measures are in alignment with a [new order issued by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health](#), Dr. David Williams, to all regulated health professionals in the province.

The order outlines principles clinicians should follow in applying this guidance. Such process and principles are already in place across HHS.

We encourage physicians and surgeons who may have questions on HHS actions and the CMOH order, to have discussions with their Chief or Head of Service.

We thank you for your continued collaboration.

Michael, Khalid and Stephen

