

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NON-ESSENTIAL PROCEDURES

The Nevada Board of Osteopathic Medicine supports both the State and Federal recommendations to postpone elective and non-essential surgeries. The Board urges its licensees to heed these important recommendations during this unprecedented time. To further Governor Sisolak's goal of limiting the spread of COVID-19, please assess your practice and the procedures and treatments you provide, and temporarily cease all that are non-essential until the emergency is terminated by Governor Sisolak. [See state and federal recommendations in the links below.]

Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 003 addresses postponing elective procedures by health providers through the end of the COVID-19 emergency to focus on risk mitigation measures. [See link below for the Emergency Directive 003.] In particular, Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 003, Section 4 states in part: *"An Essential Licensed Business, including but not limited to, and as further defined in regulations promulgated under this Directive, healthcare providers,... is encouraged to continue operation, but must adopt COVID-19 risk mitigation measures that reduce the risk of community disease spread..."*

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

http://gov.nv.gov/News/Emergency_Orders/2020/2020-03-20_-_COVID-19_Declaration_of_Emergency_Directive_003/

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) have issued recommendations to postpone elective and non-essential surgeries. See link to recommendation, below.

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-releases-recommendations-adult-elective-surgeries-non-essential-medical-surgical-and-dental>