

PSOMS Member Alert: COVID-19 Update

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Yesterday Secretary Levine announced the possibility of resuming hospital and ambulatory care center elective surgeries. At this time, and as far as we and our lobbyists know, these recommendations concern hospital and accredited ambulatory surgery centers ONLY. Dental and oral surgeon offices have NOT been authorized to resume elective procedures. The recommendations to allow for the possible resumption of elective surgical procedures to Secretary Levine were provided by a joint committee of the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, and the American Hospital Association.

According to the HAP news release, DOH will endorse the guidelines developed by the groups cited below. The joint statement with those guidelines is here: [Joint Statement: Roadmap for Resuming Elective Surgery after COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

AAOMS policy and resources are being updated almost daily as new resources and documents become available and I recommend you take a look: [The Reopening Challenge: A Guide for OMS Practices](#)

I'll keep updated on any further details on these developments.

Sincerely,

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