



# IMPORTANT: COVID-19 Update – Update on recommencement of non-urgent elective procedures

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**To:** All VMOs - South Australian Hospitals  
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The COVID-19 situation in South Australia continues to evolve. As you will know, Premier Steven Marshall today signalled that [Emergency Management \(Stay at Home\) \(COVID-19\) Direction 2020](#), in effect from Thursday morning, will be eased sooner than 2359 hours 24 November 2020.

Based on the recent announcement, we understand that the current lockdown restrictions will change from midnight Saturday, 21 November 2020.

No directive has yet been issued by the SA Government and we are currently awaiting specific confirmation from SA Health on whether elective surgery will be reinstated, and when. At present, the **Emergency Management (Stay at Home) (COVID 19) Direction 2020** remains in place, with restrictions prohibiting non-urgent procedures as communicated on 19 November 2020.

For now, every Calvary South Australian hospital is planning a return to the undertaking of all surgical procedures from Monday, 23 November 2020, however, this is subject to formal confirmation from SA Health.

We will continue to work closely with SA Health and keep VMOs informed of any new advice.

Thank you for working with us and your continued patience at this challenging time.

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