

Update: Maryland Rescinds Many Requirements for Resuming Elective and Non-Urgent Procedures and Appointments

On February 11, 2021, the Maryland Department of Health issued [Amended Directive and Order Regarding Various Healthcare Matters, MDH 2021-02-11-01](#). This Directive and Order rescinds previous requirements for health care providers resuming elective and non-urgent procedures and appointments. The Directive and Order does, however, retain the following requirements for health care providers concerning in-person care:

C. Other Matters

- i. Social distancing requirements must be strictly maintained in all settings where people must wait in order to minimize direct contact between individuals within the healthcare setting and use of non-traditional alternatives is encouraged (e.g., call ahead registration; waiting in a car until called).
- ii. All healthcare workers, patients, and others must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival for shift or visit. Staff must stay home if they are showing COVID-19 symptoms.
- iii. All healthcare facilities and healthcare providers must plan for and implement enhanced workplace infection control measures in accordance with the most current CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html>

Note: All healthcare providers and staff shall wear appropriate face coverings, and face shields or appropriate eye protection.

Note: Patients should wear a face covering whenever possible.

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