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DHSS strongly advises that all Alaskans follow this guidance from U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams and the American College of Surgeons: www.facs.org/about-acs/covid-19/information-for-surgeons. In light of this advice, all patients, providers, hospitals and surgical centers are requested to consider minimizing, postponing or canceling all non-urgent or elective procedures for three months to decrease the overall impact on the Alaska health care structure.

Given Alaska's distances and limited health care capacity, it is especially important to open acute health care beds for anticipated COVID-19 care. The State of Alaska believes that by delaying non emergent procedures, individuals will receive optimal care.

This is not a mandate.
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