

Hospitals Care for Wisconsin

Emergency and Critical Care Continues at Hospitals, More Services Being Restored Daily




Hospitals have never stopped treating emergency, urgent and critical care needs. Help us encourage the public to seek essential care.

- ✓ Non-COVID patients should not hesitate to seek emergency or urgent care in hospitals and clinics.
- ✓ Hospitals are safe, clean, adapting care settings and leveraging new technologies to resume postponed and essential care.

Hospitals are pivoting from Federal/CMS directives to delay non-essential services, gradually resuming preventive care and scheduling more essential procedures.

- ✓ **March 18:** CMS guidelines direct hospitals to delay non-emergency, non-COVID services. Wisconsin hospitals absorbing losses of \$266 million/week as a result.
- ✓ **April 19:** CMS commends hospitals for taking these difficult steps and recommends gradually and safely restarting non-COVID procedures and services.
- ✓ **Today:** Hospitals safely phase-in essential procedures including surgeries, preventive and diagnostic care.



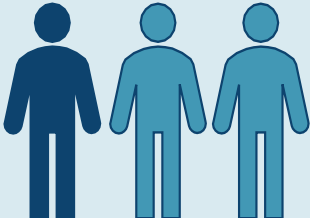
If a health care worker contracts COVID-19, they may be removed from patient care for 14 days - limiting access to care.

Challenges Remain

- ✓ Ongoing supply chain constraints for PPE and testing materials slow the pace and scope of the health care reboot.
- ✓ While hospitals are working diligently to safely reopen services, some services may take longer due to shortages of supplies.
- ✓ WI will need its doctors, nurses and staff in the months to come and must keep them well by encouraging social distancing and good hygiene practices.

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- ✓ Keep talking with your local hospitals to understand their challenges and help address their needs. As much as anyone, they want to resume a normal level of health care services.
- ✓ Work with WHA to provide supplies, resources and regulatory relief for health care to safely resume and address all patient care needs.
- ✓ **Reassure patients and constituents that Wisconsin hospitals and clinics are safe, some of the best in the country and dedicated to keeping their communities safe and healthy.**



1 in 3 patients forgoing emergency care due to COVID concerns



Constituents should always seek emergency care immediately and contact their primary care provider to discuss other care needs.

