

# 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.



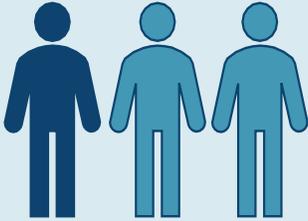
If a health care worker contracts COVID-19, they may be removed from patient care for 14 days - limiting access to care.

## 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.

**WISCONSIN HOSPITALS AND PATIENTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT: *Lawmakers, Hospitals Should Partner to Support Quality, Safe and Accessible Care***

- ✓ 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.

