

Beaumont

Colleagues,

This is an incredibly challenging time to practice medicine. For two years now, your leadership has been vital to helping Beaumont Health serve our patients. I want to thank you once again for all you have done to care for our patients and region throughout the pandemic.

As you know, COVID numbers are continuing to climb, and we are working to manage our fourth surge. As community positivity rates increase to more than 20%, we anticipate significant staffing challenges during the next few weeks. To meet this growing demand and continue to serve our communities, Beaumont Health is taking a proactive approach.

We are requesting that physicians voluntarily restrict all elective care that can be safely deferred. This includes surgical procedures, outpatient imaging and testing. By limiting elective medical care, we will be able to better serve the acute patients that require intervention. This includes COVID patients, trauma, oncology and acute medical issues.

Senior Beaumont medical and administrative leadership support this approach. Your local hospital medical staff leaders will make decisions about specific elective care. Our team has been tireless in their efforts to care for our patients. This proactive, voluntary approach will allow us to support our colleagues and focus on acute care patients that require hospitalization.

Right now, we simply cannot provide ALL the care for ALL the patients who might require elective hospital resources. With your support, we can provide the best care to the patients in greatest need. This approach is temporary. We will be monitoring community positivity rates, staffing levels and hospital resource usage on a continuous basis and will adjust accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thank you, again, for all your efforts.

Sincerely,

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