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Hey legislators and other local elected officials:

As I think you all know, HCA requested approval to begin carry out out medical procedures that had been placed on hold to assure there is adequate capacity at Mission during the worst of the COVID environment. With the number of patients who have gotten sick enough to need hospital care being mercifully low, and much lower than forecasted, the county health staff reviewed their request and determined they are comfortable with this.

At first we thought we might need to amend the County's local order to enable elective medical procedures. However, we actually lifted our local restriction on elective procedures on April 8 when we updated our policy to generally conform to the Governor's policy for the whole state (with various exceptions). So, no change to the county order is necessary for this to happen.

I provided HCA with a quote confirming the county health staff have reviewed the request and agreed it is warranted at this time. We will carefully monitors the numbers and, if they rise in a significant way, we can reinstate the policy of no elective medical procedures.

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