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## **Statement from Eddie Bratko, President of Mercy Hospital of Buffalo Regarding the Resumption of Elective Surgeries in Catholic Health**

The resumption of elective surgeries is good news for patients throughout Western New York and we thank Governor Cuomo for today's announcement. Catholic Health has been meeting with our surgical chiefs and chairs throughout this latest suspension to plan for the eventual resumption of elective cases. We have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow to kick off our plan to resume elective surgeries quickly and safely. Our surgeons will be reaching out to patients in the coming days to schedule their procedures and pre-op testing, which includes a COVID test. Because of the testing required prior to surgery, it may take several days for the elective cases to begin. Fortunately, we have the necessary processes and procedures in place from when we resumed elective surgeries in the spring and expect this to be a smooth transition for our surgeons and patients.

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