**To:** Medical Directors, Accredited Facilities

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Dr. Tom Szabo, Chair, CPSA Medical Facility Accreditation Committee

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**Subject:** Guidance for Service Provision in Accredited Facilities during Pandemic COVID-19

CPSA has been asked for further guidance regarding provision of services in accredited facilities as part of COVID-19 planning. We appreciate your patience as we work with you, Alberta Health Services, and other partners to navigate this very fluid situation.

It is CPSA’s expectation at this time that accredited facilities align with recommendations provided by the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Alberta Health Services. All diagnostic facilities and non-hospital surgical facilities are being advised not to engage in any procedures or patient visits that are not considered to be urgent in nature. All elective and non-urgent visits and procedures should be postponed. As per CPSA Standards of Practice, urgent means a situation where direct communication between Most Responsible Healthcare Providers (MRHP) is necessary to access care.

Safety is a priority for everyone, and actions which decrease risk of exposure of COVID-19 to patients and staff alike by avoiding attendance and receipt of care must be taken.

We recognize that this is an extremely difficult time for patients and our physicians. It is uncertain how the next several months will unfold. If you need any further support in your role as Medical Director, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to answer questions and support you in navigating through these complex times.

**For more detailed information and guidance resources:**

**CPSA Position Statement** – Public Health Recommendations for COVID-19:

<http://www.cpsa.ca/cpsa-statement-covid-19/>

**Pulmonary Function Diagnostics Community**:



**Sleep Medicine Diagnostics Community**:



**Diagnostic Imaging Community:**



**If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out (**[**dawn.hartfield@cpsa.ab.ca**](mailto:dawn.hartfield@cpsa.ab.ca)**).**