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**To:** All IEHP Providers  
**From:** IEHP – Provider Relations  
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**Subject:** **Gov. Newsom Announces Plans to Resume Delayed Health Care that was Deferred as Hospitals Prepared for COVID-19 Surge**

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Governor Gavin Newsom has announced plans to resume delayed medical care, such as heart valve replacements, angioplasty and tumor removals, which were deferred as the health care system prepared for a surge of COVID-19 patients. The decision was based on progress toward preparing California hospitals and health systems for a COVID-19 surge in patients – one of California’s six critical indicators the governor unveiled last week as part of the state’s framework for gradually modifying California’s stay-at-home order. They include:

- Expanding testing and contact tracing to be able to identify and isolate those with the virus;
- Preventing infection in people who are most at risk;
- Being able to handle surges in hospitals and the health care delivery system;
- Developing therapeutics to meet demand;
- Ensuring businesses, schools and child care facilities can support physical distancing; and
- Determining when to reinstate certain measures like the stay-at-home order if need be.

In addition, Governor Newsom announced that President Trump has personally committed to sending the state 100,000 testing swabs next week and 250,000 swabs the following week.

For further information on the announcement, please visit our COVID-19 Advisory page at:

<https://iehp.org/en/providers/plan-updates?target=coronavirus-advisory>

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