

MEMO

Date: March 22, 2020
To: All Health Care Providers & Regulators
From: **Dr. Brent Roussin**
Chief Provincial Public Health Officer
Lanette Siragusa, Provincial Lead
Health System Integration & Quality,
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Re: COVID-19 – Directive Regarding Non-Essential Services

All non-essential and elective health services should immediately be ceased or reduced to minimal levels. Allowable exceptions include: emergency services; time-sensitive services necessary to avert or avoid negative patient outcomes OR to avert or avoid situations that would have direct impact on patient safety.

Regulated health professionals should be guided by their respective regulatory College when making decisions related to the reduction or elimination of non-essential and elective services.