

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2020-32

Requesting Exemption from Executive Order 2020-10

Elective Surgeries

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, I, as Governor of the State of Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 26-303 et al and 36-787, issued a declaration of Public Health Emergency due to the necessity to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, Executive Order 2020-10, *Delaying Elective Surgeries to Conserve Personal Protective Equipment Necessary to Test and Treat Patients with COVID-19*, was issued delaying non-essential, elective medical and dental surgeries to conserve hospital beds, personal protective equipment (PPE) and other equipment such as ventilators needed to treat COVID-19 patients; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 22, 2020, there have been 5,459 diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in Arizona including 229 deaths, and additional cases will continue to be diagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, since the issuance of Executive Order 2020-10, hospitals and healthcare providers have conserved PPE and built additional capacity in medical-surgery (med-surg) and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds; and

**WHEREAS**, hospitals and healthcare providers that have sufficient supplies of PPE, available capacity within their hospital, ability to test pre-operative patients and at-risk healthcare workers for COVID-19, and ability to protect their vulnerable patients should be able to resume elective, non-essential surgeries if they can demonstrate they can continue to meet criteria related to PPE, bed capacity, testing and precautions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state including A.R.S. §§ 26-303 et al and 36-787 hereby order as follows:

1. The Arizona Department of Health Services shall establish minimum criteria that hospitals, healthcare facilities, and providers (including dental surgery providers) must demonstrate in a request for exemption from Executive Order 2020-10 that shall include:
  - a. A continuing supply of PPE that will support the hospital, healthcare facility or provider for more than 14 days and that is not reliant on the state or a county health department; and
  - b. Adequate staffing and bed availability with no greater than 80% of total bed capacity occupied, if it is a hospital; and
  - c. Implementation of a robust COVID-19 testing plan to test all at-risk healthcare workers and each patient prior to the scheduling of an elective, non-essential surgery or during the pre-operative time period; and



