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On April 29, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued **Executive Order 20-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery.** The order will take effect on **Monday, May 4, 2020** and will last until the Governor issues a subsequent order. To access a PDF copy of Executive Order 20-112, click [HERE](#).

Please note that Section 5 of the order may directly affect FPMA members:

Section 5. Medical Procedures

Subject to the conditions outlined below, elective procedures prohibited by Executive Order 20-72 may resume when this order goes into effect. A hospital ambulatory surgical center, office surgery center, dental office, orthodontic office, endodontic office or other health care practitioners' office in the State of Florida may perform procedures prohibited by Executive Order 20-72 only if:

A. The facility has the capacity to immediately convert additional facility-identified surgical and intensive care beds for treatment of COVID-19 patients in a surge capacity situation;

B. The facility has adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) to complete all medical procedures and respond to COVID-19 treatment needs, without the facility seeking any additional federal or state assistance regarding PPE supplies;

C. The facility has not sought any additional federal, state, or local government assistance regarding PPE supplies since resuming elective procedures; and

D. The facility has not refused to provide support to and proactively engage with skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and other long-term care residential providers.

The Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Health shall utilize their authority under Florida law to further implement and enforce these requirements. This order supersedes the conflicting provisions of [Executive Order 20-72](#).

Additional items of importance are provided below:

- This order is in effect statewide; however, in coordination with **Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach county** mayors, these three counties will follow stricter protocol without the re-open provisions of Executive Order 20-112.
- The Governor's [Executive Order 20-91](#) limiting the movements of persons has been incorporated and modified in the new Executive Order 20-112 to include businesses currently open and certain businesses re-opening at 25 percent building occupancy. The Governor's Executive Orders do not contain a preemption on local rules where those rules restrict or close businesses or buildings.
- As a condition of resuming elective procedures, hospitals will be required to assist **nursing homes and long-term care facilities** in their efforts to protect the vulnerable. Restrictions on individuals visiting nursing homes and long-term care facilities remain in place.
- Businesses should adopt appropriate **social distancing and sanitation measures**. In addition, businesses should consult with the most up-to-date [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidance](#).
- The Governor's Executive Order does not mandate the **use of masks**. However, customers, employees, and employers should consult [CDC guidance](#).