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Hey all providers,

We know that many have received calls from Mike Jensen about opening Davis hospital and surgical center to non-essential surgeries next week. There is intense pressure at the national and state level to open up surgery for patients with semi-urgent medical problems. The Trump plan announced last evening of "Opening Up America Again" gave authority at the state level to make the call. Where this is so new, we haven't yet heard from Governor Herbert on how that applies to Utah, furthermore Davis County. As such, it is the opinion of Candice Smith, our Infectious Disease expert, that operating during the yet-unlifted mandated closure by the health department would put the surgeon and clinic at significant risk. **Therefore, the official position of Tanner Clinic, as approved today by the Board, is that our surgeons should wait for the official reopening of non-essential surgeries from our local government agencies with the legal authority to make these hard decisions before scheduling or performing such surgeries.** According to the guidelines from the federal government released yesterday, non-essential surgeries can resume when states certify that they have met Phase 1 criteria.

Be safe!

Steve, Theron and the Board of Directors