

WPATH / USPATH Statement on Resumption of Gender-Affirming Surgery During COVID-19 Pandemic

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WPATH recognizes the adverse effects of COVID-19 on the physical and mental health of individuals across the globe. Due to the stress placed on healthcare systems as well as the uncertainty associated with the pandemic, many people have had medically necessary procedures postponed. As the medical community resumes elective surgical procedures, WPATH reaffirms the medical necessity of gender-affirming surgery and its importance to patients' overall health. WPATH understands the impact of delayed access to medically necessary care and encourages surgeons to work with their local public health officials so as to resume providing surgical care as soon as public health conditions allow.

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