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Statement on Governor Edwards' Announcement Regarding Elective Procedures LHA President and CEO Paul A. Salles April 20, 2020

(Baton Rouge) – Paul Salles, president and CEO of the Louisiana Hospital Association, released the following statement after Governor John Bel Edwards announced that Louisiana will permit elective procedures for patients with time-sensitive medical conditions:

“Louisiana hospitals welcome and support the state’s decision to restore patients’ access to time-sensitive, medically-necessary care. Elective care, also known as scheduled care, often involves providing lifesaving treatments and procedures that are necessary to keep people healthy.

The state’s guidance includes appropriate safeguards ensuring that hospitals and health systems maintain the resources needed to quickly respond to a surge in their communities and limit the spread of COVID-19.

We thank the Department of Health for collaborating with medical experts on this issue.”

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About the Louisiana Hospital Association

Established in 1926, the Louisiana Hospital Association is a non-profit organization representing hospitals and healthcare provider groups across the state. The mission of the LHA is to support its members through advocacy, education and services. For more information, visit the LHA website at www.lhaonline.org, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LAHospitals or on Twitter [@LAHospitals](https://twitter.com/LAHospitals).

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