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Ohio's Zone 2 Postpones Non-Essential Surgeries

Columbus, Ohio: In the last few weeks, we have seen an unprecedented surge of new COVID-19 cases in Central, Southeast, and Southeast Central Ohio due to the more contagious Omicron variant. The resulting increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations has stretched our hospital resources to the maximum.

Because of this, **all of our adult hospitals in Zone 2 have mutually agreed to postpone non-essential surgical procedures requiring an overnight stay through January 21, 2022.** Essential surgeries to prevent death, prevent permanent limb or organ injury, to prevent the progression of cancer and to prevent the progression to severe pain will continue as normally scheduled.

Each hospital will develop a process to identify which cases will be postponed and to notify patients, but the result will be the same, more beds to care for our seriously ill and injured in our Central, Southeast, and Southeast Central Ohio region.

Our hospitals remain committed to serving the healthcare needs of our communities as best we can during this unprecedented time.

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