

4:12:39 From marsham : If employees have symptoms and need to stay home what is the recommendation for how long they should stay home?

14:18:23 From pladd : I have been told the availability of N95s should be getting better, but I still cannot find Fit tests anywhere, can MASA post the question to members and maybe someone who has a test kit, can share. Thoughts? Ideas?

14:20:24 From Bridget Brozyna : Are you recommending providing a screening employees for any high risk conditions (i.e. autoimmune, pregnancy) prior to returning to work?

14:23:47 From CarrieKotecki : Screening employees is a very good idea for high risk conditions. Your human resource policies should reflect what your process is for this as well.

14:24:44 From amarkielewicz : Should you do tray audits or check scopes that may have been hanging in the cabinet? What about sonics, washers, and Sterilizers?

14:24:51 From CarrieKotecki : The CDC has guidelines on when your employees can return to work after having the virus.

14:26:49 From Ceo : With 2 OR's in our ASC, we need 2080 cases a year to maintain the CON. Do you think the state will relax the minimum number due to the circumstances?

14:27:00 From Christina : What about temperature monitoring, humidity, etc. - how are Center's handling that when not in operation at this time?

14:27:15 From Tifany Brody : For those interested in the free health screening tool mentioned by Joe from SPARK Safety: <https://www.easysafetyforms.com/>

14:27:47 From Traci : Are there any free standing surgical centers that are treating pain management patients with interventional pain procedures such as Facet joint and epidural injections.

14:31:01 From Marcy : Documentation and links from today's call are available on the website (also a recording of today's session will be available in the next day or two) <https://www.michiganasc.com/covid-19/>

14:32:08 From Traci : Thank you Dfin :) what about cases like spinal cord stimulators or Vertiflex procedures

14:32:38 From dfin : To those centers with GI procedures - are you staggering rooms or waiting additional turn over time like OR recommendations?

14:33:17 From Traci : Can the GI procedures be done if only set as a screening.

14:34:34 From Andrew Gwinnell : There are some humidity and temperature monitoring equipment that can be monitored remotely. They are relatively reasonably priced and set-up with wifi/Bluetooth.

14:36:52 From Jessica Rodriguez : We use the GroupMe app to help communicate with our staff that are off. It works great!

14:38:06 From Andrew Gwinnell : Microsoft Teams is free right now. We are testing it for communication to staff.

14:39:27 From dfin : WebEx is free as well - an show documents

14:44:04 From Andrew Gwinnell : <https://www.butzel.com/>

14:44:22 From Tina Piotrowski : We are not performing screening GI. Everyone in the GI suite is wearing N95s and face shields, but we do add 15 minutes additional time in between cases for air exchanges/room turnover.

14:44:43 From dselimagic : Any advice on employees who recovered from Covid but continue to test "false" positive (without symptoms)? I heard that is happening with some individuals

14:44:50 From Traci : Thank you Tina

14:45:48 From Anne Miller : Just to make sure I am understanding - elective surgeries could potentially start up the week of May 18th - unless the state of emergency is extended? We are ophthalmology based.

14:46:02 From DeborahJankowski : For those centers were staff are wearing N95s, have they been fit tested? If yes, were they fit-tested with the N95 mask they are currently wearing?

14:47:35 From DeborahJankowski : Are ASC's using ASTM Level 3 Surgical Masks for staff and patients? ASTM Level 1?

14:47:47 From Tina Piotrowski : We have not performed N95 fit testing. We are also using some KN95s also due to the short supply of N95s.

14:49:37 From Bridget Brozyna : I heard back from our counsel that if an employee is positive for COVID or has a family member is positive; they are eligible for paid sick leave up to so many hours; if an employee has a medical issue that puts them at a greater risk for COVID (autoimmune disorder) then they may be able to "go on" or "stay on" unemployment benefits; administrator can ask for medical documentation on this

14:50:58 From Ryan Burtka : Question from Ceo on CON caseloads: its anticipated there will be flexibility for facilities to meet volume requirements. It's not uncommon for waivers to be submitted on certain lines where volumes are historically low i.e. open heart. Guidance on this will come after the fact, the CON commission has postpone every meeting through May

14:51:27 From Jim Harrington : Is anyone using a Sterrad NX peroxide plasma (low temp) sterilizer to reprocess masks?

14:51:45 From Jennifer Smith Garman : reprocess endoscopes that have been hanging greater than a week unused.

14:52:35 From Eric Kella : Compliance One website link where you can find free tools for re-opening centers that Carrie mentioned, <https://www.complianceonegroup.com/covid19/>

Keyes life safety link for where you can find the free life safety compliance inspection tools that Brad mentioned, <https://www.keyeslifesafety.com/tools/>

14:54:17 From Ryan Burtka : Question from Anne Miller: The EO on Stay Home, Stay Safe expires on May 15th. Health care procedures are exempt from that order. The order that postpones elective procedures is directly tied to the Declaration of Emergency, which technically expires today, but will likely be extended by the Governor for another 28 days. However, in recent press conferences, the Governor has hinted that there will be a change coming to EO that postpones elective procedures after the Medical Society and Hospital Association have publicly asked for it to be lifted or at least modified.

14:54:24 From Eric Kella : link to spark app that Andrew mentioned,
<https://www.easysafetyforms.com/complianceone>

14:56:04 From astarkey : Jim Harrington, We are reprocessing N95 masks with the Sterrad NX.

14:58:01 From Michele : Joe, you just mentioned OR recommendations between procedures....What are those recommendations? Thanks

15:02:37 From dfin : Try your health department for fit testing!!

15:05:10 From Hammer time... : I understand you can use a Sterrad 5-6 times

15:05:24 From Hammer time... : and with the Steris version of the Sterrad, 10 times

15:06:48 From DeborahJankowski : I asked the question about N95 and fit-testing. I'm in Oakland County. I have been told that fit-testing is not occurring currently due to shortage of N95 masks. So...if not fit-tested, should staff be wearing N95 masks?

15:06:57 From Jennifer Smith Garman : Here is a link to 3Ms recommendations on decontamination of their N95 masks.
<https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/18248690/decontamination-methods-for-3m-n95-respirators-technical-bulletin.pdf>

15:08:14 From Anne Miller : I am getting pressure from the docs to start now since Sprectrum is now doing all cases including electives. Is that possible that the hospital can go ahead prior to the declaration of emergency ending? Just curious.

15:08:43 From DeborahJankowski : My name is Debbie

15:10:29 From Amanda Curry : What are your recommendations about allowing nursing home patients for elective cases?

15:11:01 From Andrew Gwinnell : We are not allowing nursing home patients at this time.

15:11:19 From marsham : At my GI-ASC we cannot get the N95 that require fit testing. So we are following the FDA guidelines for approved alternatives. We are using the KN95 which is a One Size Fits "Most" that does not require testing.

15:13:31 From dfin : surgical masks and full face shields are acceptable substitutes per CDC. I would use Level 3 in OR with aerosol exposure potential - See CDC guidelines