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Changes to Radiology Imaging Under State of Michigan Executive Order

Munson Healthcare and Grand Traverse Radiologists (GTR) have been working to provide appropriate imaging while limiting potential exposures to patients and medical staff.

The CDC and American College of Radiology as well as the Michigan Governor have recommended **delaying any non-essential imaging**. Potential exclusions include procedures such as:

- Oncologic testing
- Obstetric imaging
- Any procedure that would impact the health, safety, and welfare of the patient if delayed

Important Reminders

- Imaging is not to be used to screen for COVID 19.
- Non-emergent/urgent testing of COVID 19 patients takes imaging equipment off-line for extended periods of time due to the cleaning protocol that is required to be followed.

Orders that have already been placed:

All currently scheduled and/or ordered imaging examinations are being reviewed and a team will be contacting the Ordering Provider to determine if the patients imaging could potentially be delayed based on the indications provided on the order. They will also contact the patient if their appointment needs to be delayed. Ordering Providers can continue with exams that are deemed necessary at this time based on their clinical judgment.

Rescheduling Guidelines:

- Patients and offices are encouraged to call in after April 13, 2020 to reschedule.
- Radiology Scheduling will try their best to contact patients that have not called to reschedule, but to ensure timely reschedule, they are asking that patients and physician offices call to ensure appointments are rescheduled.

Future orders:

For any future imaging order during the Executive Order time-frame, please indicate the appropriate priority level of Urgent, NOW, STAT, or Emergent clearly on your order to assist in efficiently providing imaging services to patients. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Grand Traverse Radiologists at **231-935-7133** or page the on-call Radiologist.

