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COA Update on COVID-19

The COA leadership continues to closely monitor the rapidly evolving situation related to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The COA acknowledges important measures taken by government to support the public health response and emergency measures needed to protect the health and well-being of patients and health-care providers. The COA leadership highly recommends the following:

- All orthopaedic professionals should follow the protocol, advisories, and recommendations issued by provincial and federal health authorities to avoid unnecessary risk.
- Non-urgent orthopaedic consults, clinics and elective procedures should be scheduled per local health authority advisory and guidelines.
- Additional preparedness efforts, as advised by hospital, university and public health authorities, should be followed carefully.

The COA is grateful to our members and to the entire orthopaedic community for your support and patience during this turbulent time. We are sensitive to the impact on our specialty and on the lives of our valued members and stakeholders.

The COA leadership is meeting regularly to review various options and evaluate the impact on the 2020 COA, CORS and CORA Annual Meeting. We apologize for the uncertainty and will update members and stakeholders on the scheduling of the 2020 Annual Meeting shortly. Thank you for your patience and support as we make best decisions led by public health advisories and recommendations.

If you have any questions, please contact CEO, Cynthia Vezina: cynthia@canorth.org

Thank you.

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