

# REOPENING STANDARDS *for* NEW YORK HOSPITALS

To ensure the safety of both staff and patients, every healthcare facility in New York must take the following safety measures before reopening elective procedures. These detailed standards were developed from NYSNA's broader reopening plan *How to Move New York Forward*, available online: [bit.ly/reopenwithcare](https://bit.ly/reopenwithcare).



## HIGH FUNCTIONING COMMITTEES, REPORTING, & THE RIGHT TO KNOW.

- Nurses and other healthcare **workers have a right to know what risks they're facing** when they report to work. The Employer will issue regular weekly reports to all staff, documenting essential information such as how many COVID-positive patients they are treating, levels of PPE inventory, ongoing plans for screening and cohorting, and the number of staff who've been exposed to or gotten sick from COVID-19.
- The Employer will **provide copies of the New York DOH Health Emergency Response Data System (HERDS) reports** to NYSNA whenever produced and sent to New York State.
- NYSNA and the Employer will **conduct a comprehensive COVID-19 assessment** that outlines the major nursing issues that arose during this crisis.
- Based on this joint assessment, NYSNA and the Employer will create a **surge capacity plan to address future COVID outbreaks**. The parties will identify where new units will open, detail staffing needs for those new units, and plan for any training required to safely redeploy staff.
- **All contractually-mandated committees will resume their work**, including regularly scheduled meetings according to the pre-COVID standing calendar.
- All Health and Safety and Professional Practice Committees will take responsibility for **documenting the hospital's progress** achieving the longer-term goals in this plan.