

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.



HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- **Implement "Covid-19 Standard Precautions"** for the facility, similar to universal precautions established for bloodborne pathogens. Controls must be grounded in science, with frontline staff RNs leading the development of these standards.
- The Employer will **establish a Command Center Hotline** to address all COVID-related policies and immediately remedy concerns such as PPE replacement issues, visitation violations, or patient masking violations.
- The hospital must implement **accurate COVID-19 diagnostic testing** for all patients and visitors, and have readily available on-demand diagnostic testing for staff on all shifts.
- The facility must **implement aggressive contact tracing protocols** for all patients and employees who test positive for COVID-19 and deploy them immediately after any positive test result.
- We must start **ongoing hands-on Health and Safety training and education** for frontline staff on all COVID-related issues.