

COVID AND SCHEDULING OF SURGERY

RECOMMENDATIONS (September 2022)

1. Elective surgery should be delayed for **7 weeks** after a SARS-CoV-2 infection in **unvaccinated** patients that are **asymptomatic** at the time of POP visit.
2. Elective surgery should be delayed for **10 days** after a SARS-CoV-2 infection in **vaccinated** patients that are **asymptomatic** at the time of POP visit.

General principles:

- Any delay in surgery needs to be weighed against the time-sensitive needs of the individual patient.
- If surgery is deemed necessary during a period of likely increased risk, those potential risks should be included in the informed consent and shared decision-making with the patient.
- Extending the above delay should be considered if the patient has continued symptomatology not exclusive of pulmonary symptoms.