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This communication issuance replaces prior versions of 20-048.

[Executive Order 2020-96](#) lifts some of the restrictions that were previously in place as a result of COVID-19, allowing the resumption of non-essential medical and dental procedures effective May 28, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

Effective May 29, 2020, referrals for comprehensive trauma assessments may resume. Portions of the assessment may be conducted virtually, but in-person participation is essential to complete the assessment. Therefore, the comprehensive trauma assessment should only occur if the in-person component of the assessment is feasible and providers, caregivers and parents are agreeable. Prior to the in-person appointment, all participants must be pre-screened by the provider and answer “no” to the following questions:

1. Is there any reason you have been instructed to self-quarantine or isolate? If yes, why?
2. Have you had close contact with any persons exposed to or displaying symptoms of COVID-19 within the last 14 days, OR with anyone with confirmed COVID-19?
3. Do you have any symptoms of a respiratory infection (e.g. fever, shortness of breath, cough, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell)?

If any participants answer “yes,” the appointment will need to be rescheduled, and the screening conducted again before the rescheduled appointment may occur. The in-person appointment may occur when all participants are able to answer “no” to the screening questions.

While meeting for the in-person component of the assessment, the following guidelines must be followed:

- Limit exposure to un-sanitized surfaces.
- Avoid handshakes and touching.
- Ensure all individuals involved in the assessment thoroughly wash their hands prior to and following the assessment.
- Advise individuals involved to avoid touching their face.
- Advise individuals involved to cover their mouth with a tissue when sneezing/coughing or do so into their elbow.
- Ensure the room used for assessments is thoroughly cleaned/sanitized prior to use by the next family.
- Utilize social distancing (6 feet between individuals).
- Utilize face masks/coverings if medically able to do so. This does not apply to children under two or if it causes them to be scared or prone to touching their face.
- Utilize outdoor space or a room with open windows if possible.