

Surgical Renewal in Island Health

A Summary for Comox Valley Hospital

What is “Surgical Renewal”?

On May 7, 2020, the Provincial Government announced the provincial surgical renewal plan. The immediate goal is to ensure that all health authorities recover from procedures lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. An expanded schedule and reduction of summer closures is increasing capacity presently and in the future. This is to ensure Island Health is able to meet our immediate patient requirements by rapidly rescheduling cancelled surgeries and preparing for population growth.



What is happening at my hospital?

Mandate*	Initiative	Implementation Date
Extend ORs into Afternoons & Evenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Extend the surgical cataract room (M-F) by an additional 1.5 hours per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">September 14, 2020
Open New or Unused ORs Where Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Add 1 additional cataract slate/day per week (F)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">September 14, 2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open 5th OR (M-F)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">September 30, 2020
Reduce & Remove Summer Slowdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reduce summer closures by an additional 210 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">July 1, 2020 – September 7, 2020

**In alignment with the “Additional Capacity Proposal” submitted to Ministry of Health, June 22, 2020*

Where can I get more information?

1. Surgical Renewal Plan
 - o <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/conducting-health-research-evaluation/reports-publications>
2. News Release
 - o <https://news.gov.bc.ca/22157>
3. Education Opportunities
 - o <https://intranet.viha.ca/departments/lps/Pages/specialty-education.aspx>
4. Island Health Contacts for Overall Surgical Renewal Strategy*
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