



**City and County of
San Francisco**

**Department of Public Health
Health Officer Notice**

**NOTICE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER REGARDING
HEALTH OFFICER DIRECTIVE NOS. 2020-08b, 2020-09c, AND 2020-20c**

The purpose of this notice is to advise providers who are covered by Health Officer Directive Nos. 2020-08b (regarding elective surgery), 2020-09c (regarding dental care), and 2020-20c (regarding ambulatory care services, including counseling and other healing arts) that in the coming weeks, I will be substantially updating those directives to be consistent with current best practices in light of the low SARS-CoV-2 infection rates and wide availability of vaccination for COVID-19 in the City and County of San Francisco. In the interim, this notice clarifies for providers covered by those directives that the requirements in those directives related to preoperative or pre-procedure testing for SARS-CoV-2 are immediately replaced with the following updated requirement:

Providers of elective surgery, dental health care, and ambulatory care, including counseling and other healing arts, are only required to conduct testing for SARS-CoV-2 in advance of appointments and procedures to the extent that such testing is clinically indicated based on the provider's clinical judgment, including as it relates to the client or patient's vaccination status.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Philip", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Philip, MD, MPH,
Acting Health Officer of the
City and County of San Francisco

Dated: April 28, 2021