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Dear Colleagues:

The members of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at NYP-Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital and Columbia University Irving Medical Center recognize the stress and uncertainty created by the mandate to halt all elective surgical activity. We want to reassure you that we are doing everything we can in this difficult time to support our mutual patients and provide them with the care they need.

We are rapidly expanding our capacity to perform virtual visits through our electronic health record (EPIC). We have immediate availability and can offer a virtual visit within 24-48 hours. We are keeping a log of procedures that have had to be rescheduled, and are looking forward to the time when we can ramp up our elective clinical activity.

We remain available to you for immediate telephone consultation, and have a surgeon on call at all times to help navigate the safest treatment path for our mutual patients.

For elective referrals (asymptomatic inguinal or umbilical hernias, benign soft tissue swellings, chest wall deformities) please have parents call (212) 342-8585 or -8586 and they will be given an appointment for a virtual visit.

For urgent matters (incarcerated hernias, appendicitis, intussusception) patients can continue to access the Emergency Department at the NYP-Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, 3959 Broadway, New York, NY.

For any questions about the urgency of a specific problem, one of our surgeons will be happy to speak with you to offer guidance and can be reached at (212) 342-8585 or -8586.

Like you, and all our neighbors in the greater New York area, we look forward to being on the other side of the CoVID-19 pandemic. We are eager to get back to work and provide the highest quality Pediatric Surgical care to our patients. We hope that you and your families are safe and healthy, and want you to know that we remain available to you.

Best regards,

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