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Dear ECHSA Members, colleagues, and friends,

In view of the rapidly escalating severe consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to contribute as much as possible to safeguarding the health and safety of children with congenital heart disease, of their families, and of our medical, nursing and technical personnel, while at the same time preserving necessary hospital resources for emergency cardiopulmonary support, the ECHSA Leadership has decided to issue the following formal recommendation:

ALL elective pediatric cardiac operations and ALL elective visits to hospitals for routine clinical / laboratory evaluations should be postponed immediately for an estimated period of 6 weeks, with the postponement to be re-evaluated depending on the developing situation.

Of course, it is up to each center and country to make their own decisions, taking into account local factors.

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