



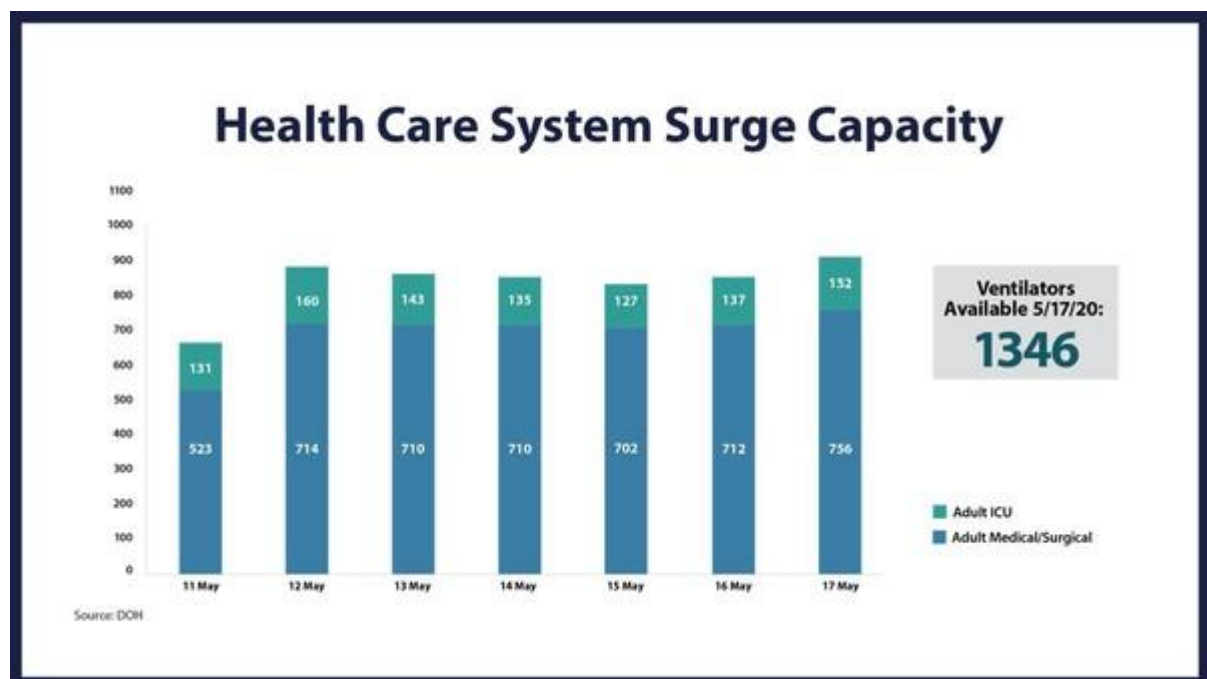
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## Inslee announces restart of all medical services in Washington



Gov. Jay Inslee today announced the state's plan for all elective procedures to resume. Each medical or dental practice will assess their own readiness and their communities' COVID-19 activity to determine whether, and to what degree, they will reopen.

"Our health care system was one of the first in the nation to be hit with COVID-19 cases when there was much we were still learning about the novel virus. Because of the great work of our health care system and communities, we managed the peak of COVID-19 activity in April without having a crisis in our hospitals," Inslee said. "This plan was developed with many partners in our health care delivery system — including nurses, surgeons, pediatricians, dentists, community health clinics and hospitals."

Aside from being determined by the COVID-19 activity in different regions of the state, the reopening of health care services are based on three standards of care. Readiness will be determined by the availability of PPE, hospital capacity and more.

Under this plan, each health care or dental provider must meet certain criteria to be able to begin performing elective procedures. Each provider evaluates their readiness to begin and must maintain standards to continue to see patients.

Read the rest of the story on [the governor's Medium page](#).