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Dear UAMS Patient,

As UAMS and hospitals across Central Arkansas continue to provide care during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we have all worked together and decided that procedures, testing and office visits that can be safely postponed be rescheduled to an appropriate future date. The safety of you, our patient, remains our top priority.

You will hear from us very soon and if possible, we will reschedule your procedure or surgery at that time. If we are unable to do so during that first contact, we will call you within two weeks to provide an update.

We understand that this may be an inconvenience for you, and for that we apologize. We made this decision at the directive of the Arkansas Department of Health, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, U.S. Surgeon General and with guidance from the American College of Surgeons.

We are committed to providing high quality, timely care for you. We will continue to monitor this situation and return to normal practices as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. Mette M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen A. Mette, M.D.
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