



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Abortion Facilities Continuing during COVID-19



Education: When New Jersey ordered the cessation of medically unnecessary surgical procedures in order to preserve the medical system's capacity to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, an exception was made for abortion facilities.(1) Some states, including Ohio and Texas, have specifically indicated that abortion facilities ARE subject to the law, and must cease and desist from surgical abortions, which use masks, gloves, and other medical supplies needed to treat virus victims. Surprisingly, Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio, said in a statement that it could comply with the part of the

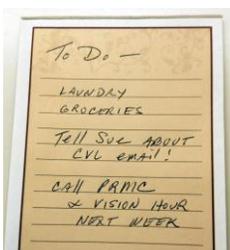
order regarding personal protective equipment while still "providing essential procedures, including surgical abortions." I am puzzled about how they plan to do surgical abortions without using personal protective items.

Even if all surgical abortions were to be stopped, pill abortions (39% of U.S. abortions in 2017 (3)) would presumably be allowed to continue. The United Kingdom recently removed restrictions on medication abortions to allow both pills to be taken at home, without the woman visiting a clinic. (4) This means no ultrasound will be done to a) ensure that the pregnancy is in the uterus, and b) accurately ascertain the age of the fetus. If the child is too far along, not only will the pill not produce an abortion, but it will endanger the health of the mother.(4) Eight percent of women using the abortion pill will bleed for more than 30 days, and 1% will require hospitalization.(5) In 2017, there were about 340,000 medication abortions in the U.S. That would mean 3,400 hospitalizations. ANY unnecessary drain on the system may threaten the ability to respond to every patient that needs treatment.

1. <https://www.lifenews.com/2020/03/23/new-jersey-shuts-down-non-essential-health-care-allows-abortion-clinics-to-keep-killing-babies/>
2. <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/texas-ohio-order-clinics-halt-abortion-procedures-amid-coronavirus-n1167201>
3. <https://www.guttmacher.org/report/abortion-incidence-service-availability-us-2017>
4. <https://www.liveaction.org/news/uk-dangerous-home-abortion-pills-covid-19/>
5. <https://www.abortionprocedures.com/abortion-pill/>



Prayer: Dear Lord, please extend your mercy to the doctors and other clinic workers involved in the abortion industry. Please remove from their hearts and minds any misconceptions they may have that abortion helps women. Give them the courage to face the truth that abortion kills an innocent child, and walk away from their involvement. Give government officials the courage to enforce the order to cease abortions, and may more and more states follow the example of Ohio and Texas. Have mercy on all who choose medication abortions, and help them to know about the possibility of saving their baby with abortion pill reversal.



Action: Please contact the office of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton by going to <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/contact-us-online-form>. Sample message: "Thank you for requiring abortion providers to abide by the order to cease unnecessary surgical procedures. Even pill abortions, while not surgical, can produce complications that require hospitalization, and so could possibly threaten to help drive the health system need to beyond its capacity. Please do all that you can to stop ALL abortions during this pandemic." See www.abortionpillreversal.com to learn about how babies can be saved if a woman acts quickly.