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**Importance:** High

Our supply of IV contrast has improved, but is still not robust enough for us to return to normal operations. At this point, any outpatients that we are scheduling should be those considered “urgent” by the ordering provider. Outpatient scheduling for CT with contrast and CT IVPs will be prioritized to those needing imaging for treatment or surgery. Inpatient and ED orders for CT with contrast still require approval by a radiologist unless a stroke or trauma patient. We ask that providers call radiology for guidance if a contrast study is felt to be necessary. We still need to be judicious with our use of contrast since we are not yet receiving consistent shipments. We expect to be able to return to normal operations mid-July and will reduce restrictions as the supply increases and becomes more reliable. We really appreciate your patience during this national shortage.

Best,  
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