

Statement on Local Organ Recovery During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The American Society of Transplantation, representing a majority of medical professionals engaged in the field of solid organ transplantation, believes that it is critical under the current circumstances brought forth by COVID-19 pandemic to protect the health and safety of both our patients and our health care providers.

We strongly believe that it is in the best interest of organ donation and transplant team members to limit the recovery of organs to local teams, unless there are extenuating reasons for the transplanting team to perform the recovery. We believe that keeping organ recovery to local surgical teams within the donor hospital will help limit exposure to COVID-19 infection due to travel.

We believe this temporary action is a small but critical step in reducing the continued spread of this virus.