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Dear Elle readers,

These are clearly unprecedented times. We have worked so hard to build bridges and encourage tolerance but we are now being forced to keep our distance from each other for our own safety and the safety of those around us. The world has been turned upside down and it is strikingly apparent how everyone has been affected globally but the full impact of this pandemic is not fully felt by all. At the end of 2019 I was diagnosed for the second time with a very early stage of non invasive breast cancer called DCIS. I had first been diagnosed in 2017 and underwent a bilateral mastectomy in Dubai. This time I left my family and came to London to have a mastectomy for the second time in the hope that this would be my last surgery. Unfortunately and unexpectedly they discovered more of the disease meaning that I will need to have another surgery. Due to Covid-19 however, this surgery cannot be scheduled and I will have to wait until the world is back to normal. I am one of the lucky ones. My condition is not immediately life threatening, but there are many more women, and men in the same situation with far more immediate surgical needs, who have to wait.. We have to take on responsibility for our role in helping to get the pandemic under control. We have to work together and do our part so that life can go back to normal, businesses can resume and most importantly, people with medical requirements can get the care they need. As one of those people I urge you to follow the advice we've all been given and please stay at home.



Wishing you all good health and happiness,

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