

**COVID-19 Webinar for Disease-Specific Care Certification**

# **Q&A With The Joint Commission**

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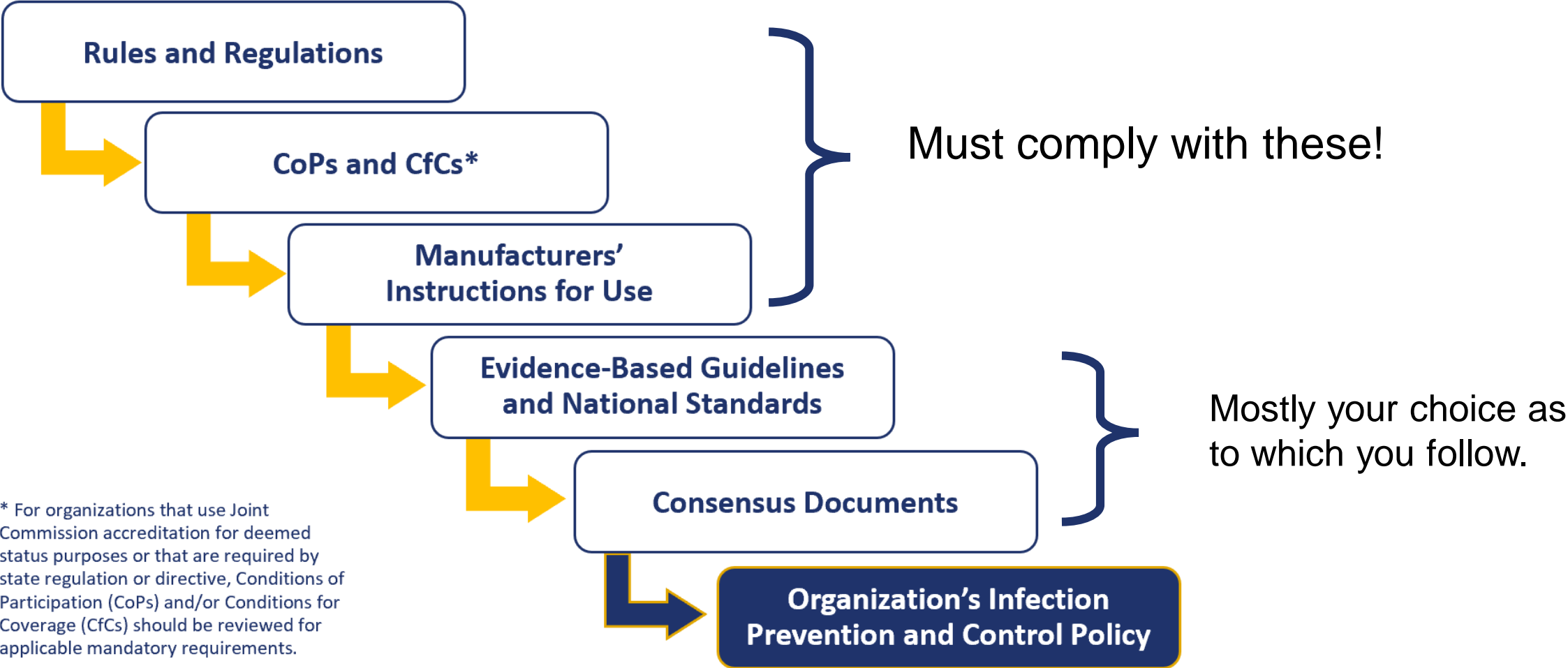
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# Topic for Today

Today's webinar will be focused on disease-specific care certification related questions. We will not be addressing questions about accreditation to ensure there is time to address all the certification related questions.

# Infection Control Practices

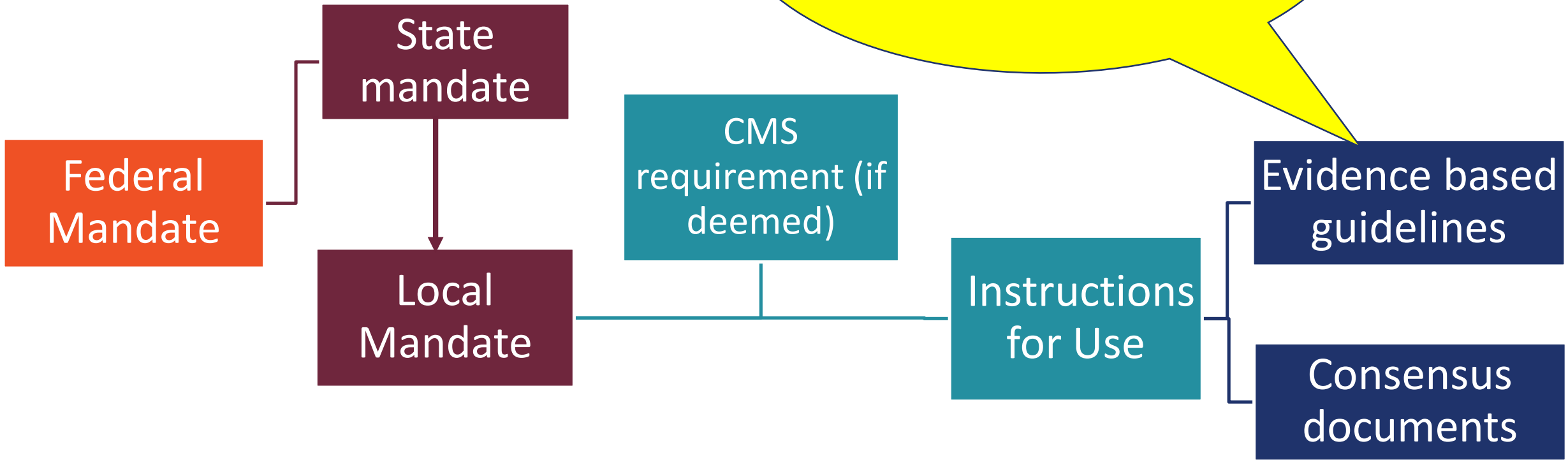
# Hierarchical Approach



\* For organizations that use Joint Commission accreditation for deemed status purposes or that are required by state regulation or directive, Conditions of Participation (CoPs) and/or Conditions for Coverage (CfCs) should be reviewed for applicable mandatory requirements.

# Deciding IP Practices During COVID 19

**CDC: Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic**



# What Does CDC Say? Visitors/Screening

Updated November 4, 2020:

- Source control
- Limit points of entry
- Assess all entering facility for COVID
  - Individual screening or
  - Electronic monitoring
  - Temperature monitoring

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>

# CDC: Community Transmission

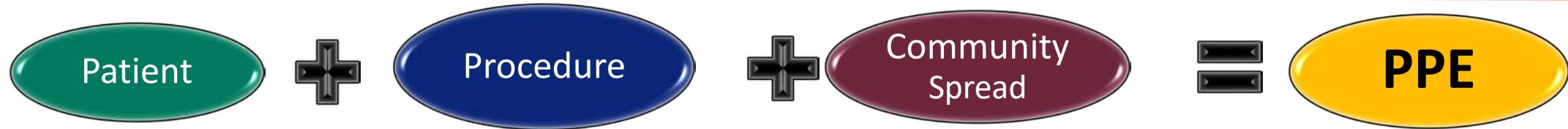
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Type of Community Transmission	Definition
<b>Substantial community transmission</b>	Large scale community transmission, including communal settings (e.g., schools, workplaces)
<b>Minimal to moderate community transmission:</b>	Sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings and potential for rapid increase in cases
<b>No to minimal community transmission</b>	Evidence of isolated cases or limited community transmission, case investigations underway; no evidence of exposure in large communal setting

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# PPE Selection: Risk= Resources Needed



COVID-19 Patient?	Aerosol Generating Procedure?	Spread of COVID in community?	Type of PPE recommended
Yes	Yes	Any level	FFR, face/eye protection, gloves, gown
Yes	No	N/A	FFR or mask, face/eye protection, gown, gloves
No/ Unknown	Yes	Moderate or substantial	FFR and face/eye protection, gloves, gown
No/Unknown	Yes	Minimal or limited	FFR or mask *
No/Unknown	No	Moderate or Substantial	Mask and eye protection *
No/ Unknown	No	Minimal or Limited	Mask or cloth covering (source control) *

FFR: Filtering Facepiece Respirator

\* Additional PPE as required by Standard and Transmission based Precautions

# Personal Protective Equipment: Optimization Strategies




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CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html>

## PPE Burn Rate Calculator

[Personal Protective Equipment Burn Rate Calculator](#)  [3 sheets]

This spreadsheet can help healthcare facilities plan and optimize the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). [Get the Instructions](#)

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# CDC: PPE Optimization Strategy

## Conventional Capacity

strategies that should already be in place as part of general infection prevention and control plans in healthcare settings

## Contingency Capacity

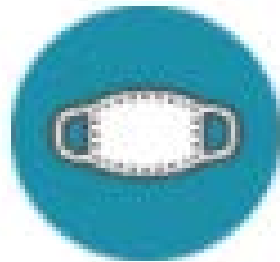
strategies that can be used during periods of anticipated PPE shortages

## Crisis Capacity\*

strategies that can be used when supplies cannot meet the facility's current or anticipated PPE utilization rate



Respirator



Mask



Gown



Eye Protection



Gloves

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/strategies-optimize-ppe-shortages.html>

# Contingency vs Crisis Strategy: N95

## Contingency Capacity Strategies

- Extended use: N95
  - Prolonged period
  - Multiple contacts
- Slow Burn Rate
- Limited number of touch opportunities

## Contingency Capacity Strategies

- Limited reuse
  - Multiple donning and doffing
  - Same mask over several episodes/days
- Risk: multiple touches of mask
- Consider:
  - Limit surface contamination
  - Develop guidelines for staff
  - Limit number of 're-uses'

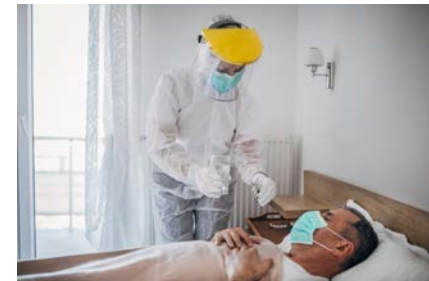
# FDA FAQ: Hand Sanitizer

**Q. Do hand sanitizers have an expiration date? Are they still effective after the expiration date?**

- OTC drug products generally must list an expiration date unless they have data showing that they are stable for more than 3 years.
- FDA does not have information on the stability or effectiveness of drug products past their expiration date
- Hand sanitizer produced under the temporary policies for hand sanitizer production and compounding may **not** have an expiration date listed because they are expected to be used during this public health emergency

# Thank You

We support your efforts  
in response to the  
COVID-19 pandemic  
and hope to provide  
helpful resources



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# Resources

- COVID Resources

- <https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19/>

- Standards Interpretation

- <https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/standard-faqs/>