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EMSNP Interim Guidance-02

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In response to facilities requesting PPE usage by EMS Crews outside normal protocols, EMSNP is providing the following Interim Guidance to EMS Agencies for Patient Handoff at all facilities (to including Acute Care, Long term Care and Rehabilitation Facilities):

When transporting a patient to a facility that is requesting EMS and/or the patient to be masked above and beyond EMS Protocols you have four options

- 1.) The facility provides the masks for the EMS crew and the patient
- 2.) Make alternate arrangements with the facility to meet the crew at the appropriate entrance to the facility
- 3.) The facility can send a team to the EMS Vehicle/outside to transfer the patient to their stretcher.
- 4.) Use your agencies supply (Following your agencies policy on PPE conservation)

Attached to this Guidance is the CDC Recommended Guidance for Extended Use and Limited Reuse of N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators in Healthcare Settings.