Housekeeping

- Be gracious about **work-from-home setups**
- **Restart Zoom** if needed
- **Slides and captioned recordings** will be available on the registration page
- Use the **chat panel** to say hello, chat with other attendees, and ask questions

Today's objectives

- **Adjust voting location** processes, layouts, and supplies lists based on public health guidelines
- Plan for a variety of **voting location types**, such as clerk offices and consolidated precincts
- **Communicate clearly** with voters, before election day and on-site, to keep everyone safe

Today's agenda

- Introduction (5 minutes)
- Implementing public health guidelines (10 minutes)
- Designing for distance (10 minutes)
- Partnering for success (10 minutes)
- Communicating expectations (5 minutes)
- Q&A (15 minutes)
- Wrapping up (5 minutes)

Hello, there!

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Federal resources

- Set of documents provide guidance for state, local, tribal, and territorial election officials

- Written by the Joint COVID-19 Working Group
  - Cyber Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
  - Elections Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council (GCC)
  - Elections Infrastructure Sector Coordinating Council (SCC)

https://www.cisa.gov/protect2020

Keep in mind

1. This is tough!
2. One size doesn't fit all
3. Things will change
4. Preparation and flexibility > certainty
5. A supportive team > a solo mission
6. Your work *matters*, and it's hugely appreciated
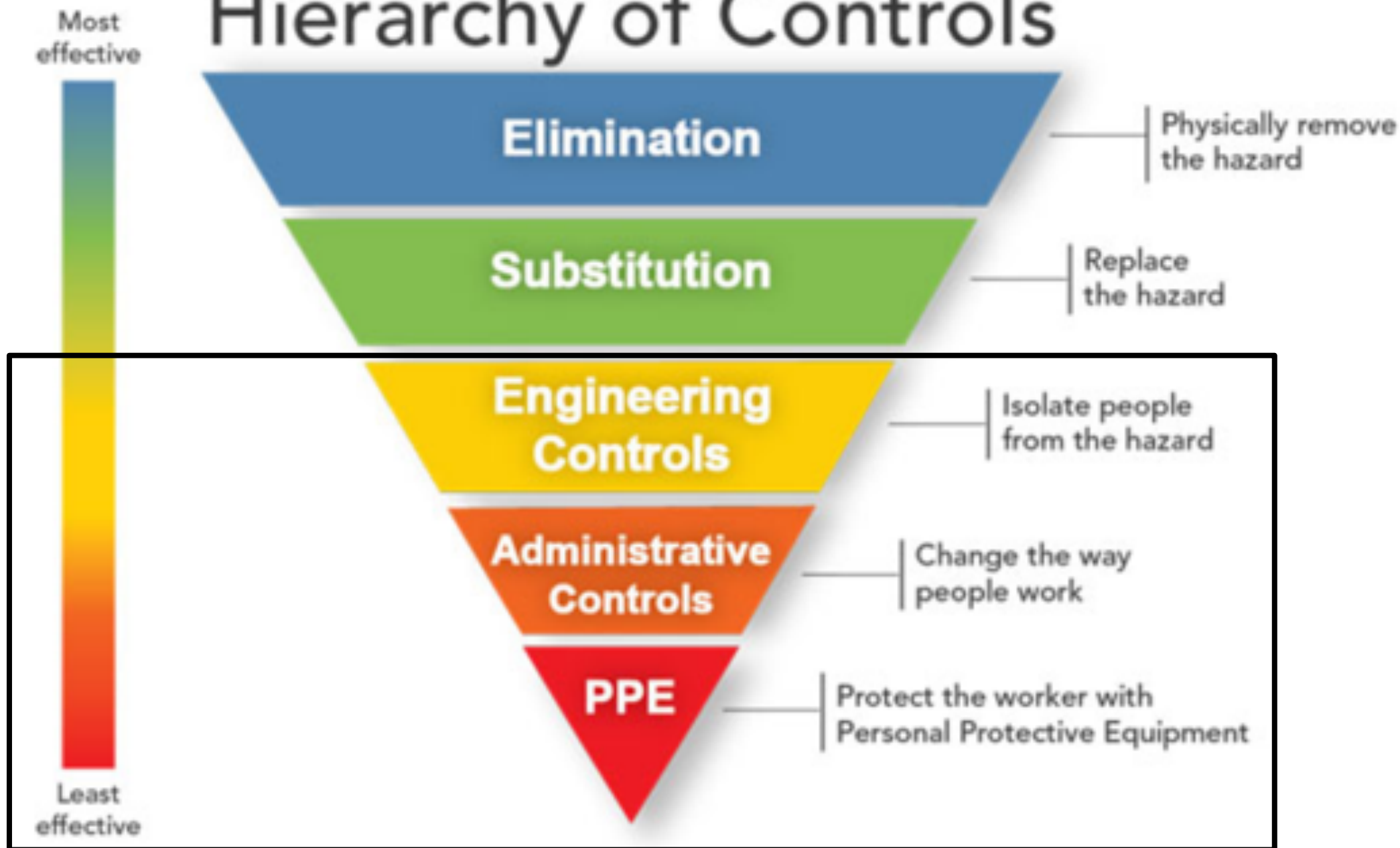
52 who worked or voted in Wisconsin election have COVID-19

67 got COVID-19 after visiting polls in state's April 7 election but tie to voting unclear

Did The April 7 Election Impact COVID-19 Cases In Wisconsin? Researchers Have Mixed Views

Hierarchy of Controls

Most effective

Least effective

Elimination — Physically remove the hazard

Substitution — Replace the hazard

Engineering Controls — Isolate people from the hazard

Administrative Controls — Change the way people work

PPE — Protect the worker with Personal Protective Equipment

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Adding language to our vocabulary during the pandemic. Sneeze guard. Keeping everyone safe. @CityofFairfaxVA

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@CoCtyClerks conduct elections for voters safely with our unique model. Check out this local @LaPlataClerk election. Social distancing means processing ballots takes more time.Your clerks are on it! #DoYourPart-update your registration govotecolorado.gov #copolitics #coleg

IF YOU ARE AN **EMPLOYER OF WORKERS**
EXPOSED TO COVID-19

DO

- Take employee's temperature and assess symptoms prior to their starting work.

- If an employee becomes sick during the day, send them home immediately.

- Test the use of face masks to ensure they do not interfere with workflow.

- Increase air exchange in the building.

- Increase the frequency of cleaning commonly touched surfaces.

CDC   CISA

Accessible Version: Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

Guidelines for Polling Places

- Replace "shared" objects

- Ventilation

- Modified layouts

- Physical barriers

- Disinfect surfaces (including voting equipment)

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html

EAC - Equipment Cleaning Guide

Guides from the largest election vendors & manufacturers on how to clean voting machines and other election technology.

https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/vendor-and-manufacturer-guidance-cleaning-voting-machines-and-other-election

Who can help you or what resources are available to assist you?

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Partnering for public health

- Local public health office
  - National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO)
    - https://www.naccho.org/membership/lhd-directory

- Office of Emergency Management

Partnering for public health

- National Guard

Partnering for public health

- Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)
  - Disaster Medical Support
  - Disaster Risk Reduction
  - Health Education & Promotion
  - Outreach to underserved communities
  - Health Screening

Partnering tips

- Public health structures vary

- They're busy too!

- Start high level

    - State elections & state health

    - State associations

Fairfax, VA - pandemic voting

- Protecting Voters & Staff

- Personal Protective Equipment

- Cleaning

Local partners & resources

- Parks & Recreation

- Office of Emergency Management

- Virginia Medical Reserve Corps

Communicate with staff

- Safety information

- Contingency plans

- Staff backup plans

https://www.techandciviclife.org/covid-19-webinars/#covid-webinar3

Oregon Secretary of State

Oregon Health Authority

COVID-19 Fact Sheet for Election Workers

As an Oregon election worker, you process the ballots that arrive in a sealed envelope through the mail or that voters drop off at an official drop box. The envelopes have a sticky seal that the sender may have licked. Because of COVID-19 concerns, the Oregon Health Authority advises the following:

MAIL

Envelopes that have a licked seal and come through the mail are of little threat to election workers.

- Time has passed since the ballot envelopes were licked, and the envelopes go through many machines with lots of friction, heat and airflow. These factors contribute to the virus's death, according to the United States Postal Service.

Staying safe at the polls

Precincts will have increased cleaning, physical markers to ensure social distance, and procedures in place to reduce contact with people and surfaces. Here's how you can help:

Vote at off-peak times.

Wear a face mask.

Stay 6' away from poll workers and voters.
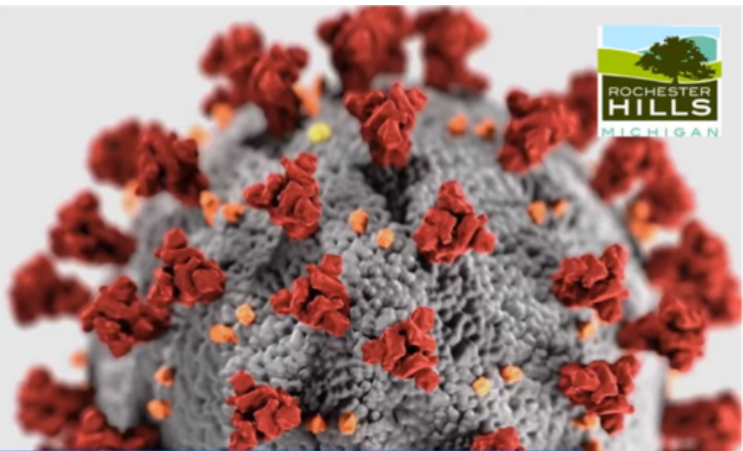
Wash or sanitize your hands before and after.

Don't touch your face or face mask.

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DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Your Vote and Health Matter

This is what we are doing to provide you a safe place to vote.

1

PPE

All election inspectors will have face masks, face shields, and gloves to wear while processing voters.

2

Voters and Face Masks

We are asking that anyone entering a polling location wears a face mask.

3

Clean Voting Booths

Voting booths will be sanitized with wipes after each voter.

5

Timing is Everything

Try to vote at off-peak times.

8

Absentee Voting

All qualified voters have the right to request an absent voter ballot without reason.

9

Healthy Voting Guides

https://www.healthyvoting.org/

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Healthy Voting in Virginia

 For the **June 23, 2020 primary election** in Virginia

- All voters can request an absentee ballot.
- Early voting (in-person absentee voting) is available at your local elections office.
- Limited polling locations are open on Election Day.
- All voters are asked to show a photo ID.

Healthy Voting tips

Voting by mail is a healthy option because it lets you maintain physical distance and helps reduce crowding at in-person voting centers.

If you go out to vote - whether to drop off a ballot or vote in person - follow these common-sense precautions:

- Wear a mask or other face covering.
- Maintain a physical distance of 6 feet to protect yourself, election workers, and other voters.
- Before and after voting, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

If you are sick or concerned that you have been exposed to the coronavirus, seek medical care. If you don't have an absentee ballot, contact your local election office for guidance about your voting options.

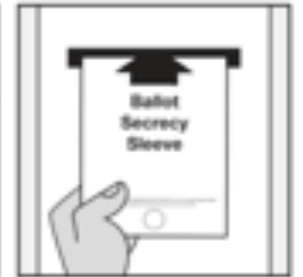## Voting in Person on Election Day —

Voting in person usually means going to a voting center where there will be other people. You can mark and cast your ballot in person or if you need to use an accessible voting system.

Sign in   Mark your ballot   Cast your ballot

 Polling places are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Limited polling places are available on Election Day.

- Find a location near you at your **elections website**.
- All voters are asked to show a photo ID.

Healthy tips for voting in person on Election Day in Virginia

- Follow instructions for healthy voting at your in-person voting location.
- Wear a mask or other face covering, and maintain a physical distance of 6 feet to protect yourself, election workers, and other voters.
- Before and after voting, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- If you can, go when the voting center will not be as busy, usually mid-morning or early-afternoon.

More tips for healthy voting in person →

Let's talk

DISCUSSION

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Share your thoughts

- What resonated with you from today's webinar? (Any "ah-ha" moments?)
- What are your next steps?
- What questions do you have about what we covered today?
- What questions do you have about what we didn't cover today?

As more questions come up…

- Reach out to CTCL
    - We'll help out, or
    - We'll find someone for you who can

We've covered a lot of ground

WRAPPING UP

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Today's resources

COVID 19 Working Group	https://www.cisa.gov/protect2020 "Health & Safety at the Polling Place", "Safeguarding Staff and Work Environment from COVID-19", "Considerations for Modifying the Scale of In-Person Voting"
Center for Disease Control	Polling Place Guidelines - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html
Colorado Rule 27	https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/rule_making/CurrentRules/8CCR1505-1/Rule27.pdf
Harris County, TX	SAFE Initiative https://harrisvotes.com/SAFE?lang=en-US
Healthy Voting Guide	https://www.healthyvoting.org/
CTCL's Electricity	39 Ways Election Officials are Responding to COVID-19 https://www.techandciviclife.org/covid-19-responses/

Dates to keep in mind (125 days)

- Procure needed materials (PPE, single use items, etc)
- Research and secure locations
- Plan/design for social distancing
- Determine resource allocation
- Communicate early and often

What was your experience with today's webinar?

- A brief survey is linked in the chat box
- Please complete the survey now to provide feedback and improve the webinar for future participants

In case you missed it:

- COVID-19 Webinars

https://www.techandciviclife.org/covid-19-webinars/

- Combatting Election Misinformation (July 30, 2 pm ET)

https://www.techandciviclife.org/course/trusted-info/

- *FREE* CTCL/EAC Cybersecurity Courses!

https://learn.techandciviclife.org/library/by/category/cybersecurity/

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