**Suggested Breathing System Filter Placement**

- **External sampled gas filter**
  - if not part of water trap and sampled gases are returned to breathing circuit.

- **Airway filter**
  - for COVID+ or PUI patients, optional for others.
  - Heat and moisture exchange filter (HMEF) preferred. Electrostatic filter acceptable.

- **Inspiratory limb filter**
  - only recommended when machine may have been contaminated by a previous patient.

- **Expiratory limb filter**
  - for all patients.
  - Pleated mechanical filter preferred.

- **Recommended** vs **Optional**