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**DATE:** March 4, 2021  
**TO:** Local EMS Agency Administrators and Medical Directors  
**FROM:** Dave Duncan MD  
Director, Emergency Medical Services Authority  
**Subject: EMT COVID-19 Vaccinations Guidance**

This memo provides clarification for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccination by emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSA) approved for Paramedic, AEMT, and EMT COVID-19 Vaccine Administration shall limit AEMTs and EMTs to COVID-19 vaccine administration only. AEMTs and EMTs are not permitted to mix or draw up COVID-19 vaccines for administration. LEMSAs shall have policies in place to ensure only paramedics or healthcare workers with a higher scope of practice are responsible for preparing vaccines for administration. AEMTs and EMTs shall continue to administer the COVID-19 vaccines to patients and assist with other aspects of vaccine campaigns as defined in LEMSA policies and procedure.

We ask LEMSAs that are currently allowing EMT draw up of vaccines, and wish to continue to do so, email Louis Bruhnke, Chief Deputy Director, at [Louis.Bruhnke@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:Louis.Bruhnke@emsa.ca.gov).