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DATE: May 28, 2021
TO: Local EMS Agency Administrators and Medical Directors
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Subject: COVID-19 EMS Vaccinations – Patient Age Guidance

This memo modifies the patient age range for COVID-19 vaccinations by emergency medical technicians (EMT), advanced EMTs (AEMT), and paramedics.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has expanded the age range for patients approved to receive specified COVID-19 vaccines to include adolescents twelve (12) years of age and older. To assist with the expanded scope of local vaccine campaigns, local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSA) may authorize trained EMS personnel to administer COVID-19 vaccinations to patients twelve (12) years of age and older under the existing Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP).

Participating LEMSAs shall continue to coordinate with local public health officials to ensure compliance and coordination with local vaccination programs. The LEMSAs shall ensure local trainings, policies, and procedures are updated to reflect the modification to the COVID-19 vaccination scope of practice.