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**TO:** Local EMS Agency Administrators and Medical Directors

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**Subject:** **Updated Emergency Medical Service Personnel Expanded Local Scope of Practice (LOSOP) Response & Authorizations to Treat Patients Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic and Influenza – Comprehensive Summary**

This memo is provided to summarize the current California Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)/ Advanced EMT (AEMT), and Paramedic personnel scope of practice waivers and authorizations to treat patients impacted by COVID-19, pursuant to Governor Office Executive Order (EOs) [N-39-20](#) paragraph 6, extended and clarified by EO's [N-12-21](#), [N-21-21](#), [N-08-21](#), [N-25-20](#), and [N-04-22](#).

**Paramedics are authorized to do the following through June 30, 2022:**

- Provide services in any setting (static sites).
- Utilize Assess and Refer criteria.
- Participating Local EMS Agencies (LEMSAs) shall continue to coordinate with local public health officials to ensure compliance and coordination with local vaccination programs. The LEMSAs shall ensure specialized training is conducted, and treatment protocols are updated, for this special patient population. The training shall include, but not be limited to, allergy or anaphylaxis complications, pediatric dosing, and lateral thigh intramuscular injection site considerations. The LEMSAs shall also ensure local trainings, policies, and procedures are updated to reflect the modification to the COVID-19 vaccination scope of practice.
- 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.
- Provide COVID-19 Testing and COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccinations as follows:<sup>1</sup>
  - Provide COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations to children  $\geq$  5-11 years of age, and individuals 12 years and older based on U.S. Center for Disease

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<sup>1</sup>LEMSAs with EMS Medical Directors Association of California LOSOP Committee approval to administer COVID-19 testing and COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations, pursuant to CCR Title 22, Division 9, Chapters 2-4 shall remain in effect beyond the June 30, 2022, expiration date.

Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines.

- Conduct oropharyngeal and/or nasopharyngeal COVID-19 and Influenza testing.
- Conduct Monoclonal Antibody administrations. LEMSA or local public health will ensure Paramedics shall receive training and education in therapies, and administration protocols, etc.

**EMTs and AEMTs are authorized to do the following with LEMSA accreditation authorization through June 30, 2022:**

- Provide services in any setting (static site).
- Participating LEMSAs shall continue to coordinate with local public health officials to ensure compliance and coordination with local vaccination programs. The LEMSAs shall ensure specialized training is conducted, and treatment protocols are updated, for this special patient population. The training shall include, but not be limited to, allergy or anaphylaxis complications, pediatric dosing, and lateral thigh intramuscular injection site considerations. The LEMSAs shall also ensure local trainings, policies, and procedures are updated to reflect the modification to the COVID-19 vaccination scope of practice.
- 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.
- Provide COVID-19 Testing and COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccinations as follows:
  - Provide COVID-19 and Influenza vaccinations to children  $\geq$  5-11 years of age, and individuals 12 years and older based on U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention CDC and FDA guidelines.
  - LEMSAs 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.
  - Conduct oropharyngeal and/or nasopharyngeal COVID-19 and Influenza testing.

Please note, EO authorization to transport patients to alternate destinations expired on July 31, 2022.

To view current local jurisdiction approved Local Optional Scope of Practices, please visit the EMSA [Local Optional Scope of Practice \(LOSOP\) webpage](#).

If you have additional questions, please send email to [ScopeofPractice@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:ScopeofPractice@emsa.ca.gov).