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**TO:** Local Emergency Medical Service Agency Administrators  
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**SUBJECT:** POLICY UPDATE: ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS AND  
TESTING BY EMS PERSONNEL

The purpose of this memo is to provide clarification on the administration of vaccines, and testing, by EMS personnel after the termination of the Governor's executive orders [N-11-22](#) and [N-4-22](#) on February 28, 2023. As noted in the October 17, 2022, California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) memo, the EMSA Director rescinds all waivers associated with EMS professional licensing, certification, and scope of practices upon termination of the Governor's orders.

**Effective March 1, 2023, EMS personnel can no longer care for patients at static sites.**

The following are the settings in which EMS personnel can care for patients:

- at the scene of an emergency,
- during transport to a general acute care hospital,
- during interfacility transfer,
- while in the Emergency Department of a general acute care hospital, until care responsibility is assumed by the regular staff at the hospital, or
- during training within the facilities of a participating general acute care hospital.

Approved local optional scope of practices (LOSOPs) for EMS personnel to administer vaccinations and testing will remain in effect within the above-noted environments.


For additional information or questions regarding EMS personnel licensing, certification, or exams, please email the EMSA at [paramedic@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:paramedic@emsa.ca.gov).

For additional information or questions regarding scope of practice authorizations, please email the EMSA at [scopeofpractice@emsa.ca.gov](mailto:scopeofpractice@emsa.ca.gov).

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