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COVID-19 Vaccination by EMS Practitioners

Forms available at <https://saratogaems.org/downloads/>

Scope

The NYS Governor's Executive Order 202.82 allows emergency medical technicians and advanced emergency medical technicians to administer vaccinations against COVID-19 pursuant to a non-patient specific order at sites overseen or approved by the New York State Department of Health or a local health department and operated under the medical supervision of licensed physicians, licensed physician assistants, or certified nurse practitioners, provided such EMTs first receive training approved by the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of EMS and Trauma.

Credentialing

EMS practitioners (EMT, AEMT or Paramedic) may vaccinate at a site overseen or approved by their County Department of Public Health site provided ALL of the following are met:

1. Valid and unrestricted New York State certification as EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic
2. Valid and current CPR Certification
3. Approval by the Saratoga County Public Health Department or designee
4. Satisfactorily completed all required training and Skills Verification (see "Training" Section)

Upon credentialing, EMS practitioners may, under a standing order from their agency medical director or the County Public Health Commissioner, vaccinate eligible individuals with federally authorized COVID-19 Vaccine when operating at a site overseen or approved by the Saratoga County Public Health Service or the New York State Department of Public Health.

A list of credentialed practitioners will be kept on file in each EMS agency, available for inspection by the County Department of Public Health. Vaccinators working at Points of Distribution (PODs) will provide evidence of vaccination credentialing to the site.

Operational Considerations

EMS Practitioners are expected to follow all policies and procedures relevant to their roles as vaccinators established by the New York State and the Saratoga County Department of Public Health.



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Any questions regarding vaccination, eligibility, contraindications, or clinical care shall be directed to the highest medical authority present or available by electronic communication at the time.

In an instance where emergency medical care is required at the vaccination site, the EMS practitioner is authorized to provide care up to their level of certification and training with the equipment available on site under Collaborative Protocols.

When distributed to EMS for home vaccination, supplies will be shuttled from Public Health to EMS by the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department.

Documentation

EMS personnel should complete a paper CDMS (Counter Measure Data Management System) form for each person vaccinated or assure that like data is electronically entered into the CDMS or other vaccination documentation system within 24 hours.

Training

In order to be credentialed as a vaccinator, EMS Practitioners (EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic) must complete ALL of the following:

1. Take on-line training from NYS Bureau of EMS at www.VitalSignsAcademy.com, search for "Vaccine" and complete the NYSDOH COVID-19 Vaccine Vaccinator Training (V 3.2) course.
2. Complete an in-person vaccine administration training. This can be done at a vaccination site or in a skills session at your agency.
 - a. The individual must meet or exceed performance in all areas of the EMS Skills Checklist for Vaccine Administration.
 - b. The skills verification and checklist completion may be performed by agency Medical Director designees, a Public Health Registered Nurse, NYS Certified CIC or CLI, or Public Health Department designee.
 - c. The completed and signed checklist will be maintained by the EMS provider's primary EMS agency for recordkeeping purposes.
 - d. Any individual not meeting or exceeding vaccine administration expectations will be remediated or, at the discretion of the skills verification agent, not granted vaccination privileges.
3. Complete the Vaccination Training Attestation at www.VitalSignsAcademy.com.



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Resources

The following resources are available for reference. It is expected that EMS Vaccinators remain updated on the relevant science surrounding vaccine administration in order to accurately answer questions of vaccine candidates.

Vaccine Information

CDC information on mRNA vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

Anaphylaxis

CDC Information about vaccines and anaphylaxis <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/allergic-reaction.html>

CDC MMWR On Allergic Reactions

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7002e1.htm>

Supplemental Vaccination Training Information

CDC Vaccine Training Videos

Vaccine Reconstitution (8:44)

<https://youtu.be/oZAOqk3TBA>

Vaccine Administration Multidose Vial video (6:39)

<https://youtu.be/TDcFievUVs>

IM Injection Supplies (5:37)

<https://youtu.be/odQTVg7s3HA>

Intramuscular (IM) Injection (5:07)

<https://youtu.be/PqSuCPnPeYE>

Check Your Steps! Make Every Injection Safe video (3:45)

<https://youtu.be/uiboFZZVcLI>

Paperwork posted to the Saratoga County EMS Council Website:

- [COVID-19 Vaccination by EMS Practitioners](#) (this document)
- [EMS Skills Checklist](#)
- [EMS Skills Cheat Sheet for Evaluators](#)
- [CDMS Vaccine Consent Form](#)
- [EMS Standing Order for Vaccine Administration](#)
- [Fact Sheet and EUA for Moderna vaccine](#)