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**TO:** All EMT Program Directors

**FROM:** Marianne Gausche-Hill  
Medical Director

**SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) AND  
PARAMEDIC VACCINATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENT**

Effective August 12, 2021, the Health Officer for the County of Los Angeles issued a health care worker vaccination requirement. This order expands upon the State Orders from July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>. All faculty within a training program and students currently attending or entering an EMT or Paramedic Training Program shall meet the vaccination requirement. For the details and procedures for meeting this requirement, review the attached order and FAQ. The compliance deadline for this health order is September 30, 2021.

The Health Order creates a pathway to meet the requirements by:

1. Vaccination – All personnel and students must have received either their single dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccine regimen or their second dose of a two-dose vaccine regimen by September 30, 2021.
2. Exemption – The Health Order allows for two exemptions: 1) the person is excused from receiving any COVID-19 vaccine due to a qualifying medical reasons exemption or 2) the individual is declining vaccination based on sincerely held religious beliefs. Testing must occur once weekly and is only authorized for the two identified exemptions.

Review the health order and FAQ for additional details related to vaccination, exemption, testing and documentation requirements.

EMS Agency staff are in communication with our EMS providers and healthcare facilities to ensure students can complete the clinical requirements as outlined within the health order as the Agency has received notification that all personnel must be vaccinated in order to complete clinical, field internship or enter the facility. We encourage you to contact your contracted providers and facilities to identify requirements for your students. If a student is unable to complete all requirements within current State Regulations and Los Angeles County EMS Agency Policies and Procedures, the student shall be ineligible for course completion.

If you have any questions regarding the Health Officer Order, please contact Los Angeles County Public Health at 626-430-5320 or [ehconsultative@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:ehconsultative@ph.lacounty.gov).

If you have any questions regarding your training program, please contact the Program Approval staff responsible for oversight of your program, either Andrea Solorio, [asolorio@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:asolorio@dhs.lacounty.gov) or Natalie Greco, [ngreco@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:ngreco@dhs.lacounty.gov).

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