

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

10901 GOLD CENTER DR., SUITE 400
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670
(916) 322-4336 FAX (916) 324-2875



DATE: August 9, 2021

TO: EMS Provider Agencies, Local EMS Agencies, and the EMS Community

FROM: Dave Duncan MD
Director

SUBJECT: Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement State Public Health Order

On August 5, 2021, Tomás J. Aragón, California State Public Health Officer and Director, issued a health order requiring that all workers who provide services or work in specified health facilities have their first dose of a one-dose COVID-19 vaccination regimen or their second dose of a two-dose regimen by September 30, 2021.

At this time, emergency medical services (EMS) personnel are not explicitly covered in the health order released on August 5:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/HealthCareAndTesting.aspx>.

While the health order does not address the EMS workforce, I strongly encourage all EMS personnel who have not yet been vaccinated to voluntarily do so, thereby reducing their risk of serious disease and reducing the spread of COVID-19 to their patients, coworkers, family members, and others.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DD".

Dave Duncan MD
Director
Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA)