

EMS Information Bulletin 2021-02

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SUBJECT: EMS Participation in Mass Vaccination

TO: PA EMS Providers

PA EMS Agencies

PA EMS Agency Medical Directors

PA Regional EMS Councils

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This bulletin is issued as a supplement to <u>EMSIB 2020-31 EMS Participation in Mass</u> *Vaccination*

The mass vaccination program has been expanded to now include Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians.

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Following the completion of Department required training, and authorization from their EMS Agency Medical Director, EMS providers certified at or above the level of an AEMT are hereby authorized, as part of mass vaccination plans and procedures to administer any vaccine designated for COVID-19 that has received an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration,

The training requirement can be fulfilled by completing the TRAIN-PA online continuing education course titled *PA-EMS COVID-2019 Vaccination Training for Pennsylvania EMS*.

This course has been updated to reflect the addition of Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians. However, AEMT's who have already completed this course for continuing education, are not required to complete the course again.

As was the process with paramedics, after completion of the training, the EMS Agency Medical Director must sign the EMS Vaccine Administration Skills Review Verification Form. Agencies should return these forms to their Regional EMS Council.

Please direct any questions to your Regional EMS Council.