

# Emergency Protocol - COVID-19 Immunization Version 1

In pursuit of the authorizations to establish emergency protocols under Saf-C 7402.01, any licensed EMS unit choosing to assist in COVID-19 immunizations should comply with training and competency requirements determined by the New Hampshire Department of Public Health. Such training will be coordinated through requesting public health entity. This is a voluntary protocol for departments wishing to assist public health.

## **INDICATIONS:**

Pre-hospital providers (Advanced EMT and Paramedic) may be called upon to provide COVID-19 immunization as necessary to assist state health officials in the event of a public health or public safety incident.

### **Non-Patient Specific Orders:**

A non-patient specific order authorizes pre-hospital providers to provide COVID-19 immunization for a specified period of time to an entire group of persons such as school children, employees, patients of a nursing home, etc.

### **Administration of Testing Procedure**

The non-patient specific standing order and protocol must be authorized by a physician.

### **Public Health or Public Safety Incident**

Any Advanced EMT or Paramedic provider may provide COVID-19 immunization that is authorized by a non - patient specific standing order and protocol as part of a immunization program when the program is instituted as a result of a public health or public safety incident by public health officials.

### **Protocol Requirements**

- Ensure that the potential immunization recipient is assessed for contraindications to immunizations.
- Prior to immunization, inform each potential immunization recipient of the potential side effects, adverse reactions as well as the appropriate course of action in the event of an untoward or adverse event.
- Before the immunization is administered, obtain consent for the immunization from the potential recipient or their responsible party in cases of minors and persons incapable of consenting.
- Have available on-site medications to treat anaphylaxis including, but not limited to, epinephrine and necessary needles and syringes.
- Coordinate with program site managers to ensure reporting of all adverse immunization outcomes.
- Coordinate with program site managers to ensure that the record of all persons immunized includes: the non-patient specific standing order and protocol utilized, recipient's name, date, address of immunization site, immunization, manufacturer and lot number of administered vaccine(s), and recommendations for future immunizations.