

**Note:** Under statute paramedics may administer flu and COVID-19 vaccines to the public under certain circumstances. Under a separate order issued by the Maryland Department of Health, EMTs and CRTs have the option to vaccinate as laypeople, not as EMS clinicians, under certain circumstances.

AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE - #6

This notice is given by Clay Stamp, Chairman of the Emergency Medical Services Board and Dr. Theodore Delbridge, Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the "Governor") dated March 5, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 19, 2020 entitled "Augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce", as it may be amended from time to time, after finding that the action(s) described herein will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety, and further that these actions will augment the emergency medical services workforce, and improve the response to the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

Administration of Vaccinations. Education Article Section 13-516(G) delineates the circumstances in which a paramedic may administer certain immunizations and tuberculosis skin testing,

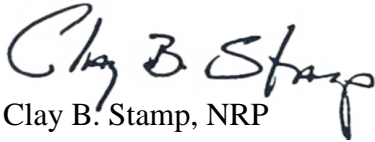
In addition, subject to the rules, regulations, protocols, orders, and standards of the EMS Board, and approval by the State EMS Medical Director, Emergency Medical Technicians, Cardiac Rescue Technicians and Paramedics may administer seasonal influenza and Corona Virus vaccines under the direction of an EMS operational program medical director as part of an EMS clinician occupational health program or part of a public health outreach effort coordinated by a local health department or Maryland Hospital or Health System, until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded. .

This action is clinically appropriate; and necessary to provide services relating to: The dispensing or administration of medications, immunizations, intravenous solutions, or drugs; or the evaluation, screening, and treatment of patients.

Any effect of Education Article Section 13-516 and the implementing regulations in COMAR 30 that is inconsistent with the foregoing is temporarily suspended.

This Notice is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

Date: January 20, 2021



Clay B. Stamp, NRP  
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