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RE: CRT and EMT COVID-19 Vaccinations

Vaccination is an essential step to save lives during the current COVID-19 pandemic. Given the anticipated increased demand for vaccination throughout Maryland, we are expanding the cadre of EMS clinicians available to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to include cardiac rescue technicians (CRTs) and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). CRTs do not require any additional training; the requirements below apply to EMTs.

An EMT may administer COVID-19 vaccine to any patient if all of the following criteria have been met:

- EMT has completed MIEMSS didactic vaccination training.
- EMT has completed a vaccination skills competency evaluation and has been approved by EMSOP and medical director in the MIEMSS licensure system.
- A physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nurse, or paramedic physically supervises the EMT while administering the vaccine. A maximum of three EMTs may be assigned to any one supervisor at a time.

After completion of didactic and practical training, the EMT will submit an application on the MIEMSS licensure website (www.miemssliscense.com). This application will be approved by the EMSOP with an attestation that reflects successful completion of training and competency in the safe administration of an intramuscular injection.

MIEMSS EMT COVID-19 Vaccinations

Purpose

An EMT may administer COVID-19 vaccine to any patient during the state of emergency if all of the following criteria have been met:

- EMT has completed MIEMSS didactic vaccination training, available at www.emsonlinetraining.org.
- EMT has completed vaccination skills competency and has been approved by EMSOP and medical director in the MIEMSS licensure system.
- A physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nurse, or paramedic physically supervises the EMT while administering the vaccine. A maximum of three EMTs may be assigned to one supervisor.

Competencies

- Verbalize the “7 Rights” of medication administration (right patient, medication, dose, route, site, time, documentation)
- Observe aseptic technique
- Demonstrate knowledge of the proper site for injection at the deltoid site required to safely administer COVID-19 vaccine by intramuscular (IM) route
- Identify symptoms of acute allergic reaction and anaphylaxis and treatment
- Identify common side effects of COVID-19 vaccines

How to Apply

- Once didactic and skills training has been completed, the EMT will submit an application to be credentialed as an EMT vaccinator using the MIEMSS licensure system.
- Log in to your licensure account at www.miemsslicense.com
- Click on Applications



- Locate the Application for EMT Vaccinator, and click on Apply Now. (Once you submit your application, you will receive an email confirmation.)

ALS Reciprocity

Per Maryland Regulations (COMAR 30.02.02.04), individuals who possess pre-hospital provider certifications/licenses from other states may transfer their certification/license to Maryland

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Application for Renewal EMT- Extended

MIEMSS records indicate that you hold an EMT certification that is currently extended. The application is for renewing your certification.

[Apply Now](#)

! 11 days until application period closes

Application for EMT Vaccinator

This application is for EMTs that have successfully completed a MIEMSS-approved vaccination program.

[Apply Now](#)

! 7 hours until application period closes

Approval

- The EMSOP highest jurisdictional official and EMS medical director will approve the application and attest to successful completion of COVID-19 vaccine training and competency in the safe administration of an intramuscular injection.