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**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.

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