



# COUNTY OF MONTEREY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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To: Monterey County EMS Service Providers

From: Monterey County EMS Agency

**Subject: Changes to Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) Authorizations Related to the Treatment of Patients Impacted by COVID-19 and Influenza**

The California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) released updated guidance related to scope of practice expansions for the treatment of patients impacted by COVID-19 and Influenza. The relevant scope of practice additions in Monterey County are:

- Conducting oropharyngeal and/or nasopharyngeal COVID-19 and influenza testing.
- Administering COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations to individuals greater than 5 years of age.

EMSA's communication states that EMTs, AEMTs, and Paramedics may continue to provide these services through June 30, 2022. The communication further states that Paramedics working within a local EMS agency (LEMSA) with EMS Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) LOSOP Committee approval for the expanded scope of practice may continue to provide the services beyond the June 30, 2022 expiration date. The Monterey County EMS Agency did seek and obtain EMDAC LOSOP Committee approval.

The guidance set forth by EMSA will impact the scope of practice in Monterey County in the following ways:

1. As of July 1, 2022, EMTs and AEMTs may not conduct testing or administer vaccinations for COVID-19 and/or influenza.
2. Paramedics may continue to conduct testing and administer vaccinations for COVID-19 and/or influenza until the LOSOP approved by EMDAC expires or EMSA issues different guidance. The LOSOP is due to expire on September 30, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the EMS Agency at [EMSAdmin@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:EMSAdmin@co.monterey.ca.us) or (831) 755-5013.