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To: EMS Organizations
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From: Raffaella Coler, RN, MEd, Paramedic 
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

Re: Clarification on process for becoming vaccinated

EMS personnel are eligible under Phase 1a. At this time, the state of CT has a limited amount of vaccine so all healthcare personnel eligible to receive vaccine may find that it is not fully available or accessible.

The following are three options that EMS providers have for receiving COVID-19 vaccines:

- (1) *Most common option - You can designate an employer coordinator who will upload a roster of eligible 1a employees in VAMS. The individual employees will then be able to schedule a vaccine clinic at a time and place that is convenient for them. In some cases, you may encourage them to schedule their appointments with a local hospital with whom your EMS organization has a relationship with.
- (2) You can work directly with a sponsor hospital to schedule appointments. If your sponsor hospital is offering a dedicated clinic for EMS, this is a fine option.
- (3) You can work directly with your local health department. If your local health department is offering a dedicated clinic for EMS or other municipal employees, this is also a fine option.

To clarify, EMS providers do NOT need to necessarily develop individual relationships with vaccinators – all matching can be done with VAMS. However, some EMS providers may be doing options #2 or #3 based on the local context.



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Given scarce supply, you may not be able to get a vaccine appointment for all staff immediately – please be patient. The best thing you can do at this time is prepare rosters for upload into VAMS and upload your highest risk Phase 1a-eligible individuals into VAMS.

If you are having any questions or issues with VAMS, please [submit a ticket with the DPH helpdesk](#).

Thank you for all you do.