



# COVID19 Vaccination and EMS Frequently Asked Questions



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**1. I am a certified/licensed EMS provider (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) can I work as a vaccinator for an approved vaccine clinic?**

Yes, provided you have completed the training outlined on the approved vaccination training website, and registered on the DPH portal.

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/PLIS/Approved-COVID-19-Vaccination-Training-Programs>

Additionally, EMS providers who work in a vaccine clinic must be supervised by other healthcare providers who routinely vaccinate patients, (i.e. Physician, RN, APRN).

Please keep in mind that you either need to be working in an EMS role exclusively, or a public health role exclusively if you work as a vaccinator.

**2. I am a certified/licensed EMS provider, if I am a vaccinator at an approved vaccine clinic, may I administer epinephrine to a patient who presents in anaphylactic shock?**

No, if you are working as a vaccinator, you are working in a public health role and not an EMS role. The local EMS agency should be activated for their response. You should not be serving in an EMS role if you are providing vaccinations. You should follow the emergency plan for the clinic you are working at.

**3. My local EMS organization is providing standby coverage for a vaccine clinic in our response area. May I administer vaccines while standing by for the EMS service?**

No, you will need to either work as an EMS provider or as a vaccinator. You cannot work in both settings at the same time. For example, it would not be permissible for an EMT to give vaccines and then respond to a patient who has a reaction to the vaccine, and then go back to giving vaccines. You must choose a single role for the shift.

**4. Can I use an EMS vehicle (ambulance, fly car) to deliver vaccines to patients?**

No, EMS vehicles should be used only for EMS responses and within the EMS system.

**5. I am a certified/licensed EMS provider, may I work as a patient observer in a vaccine clinic?**

You may be a patient observer, however if a patient becomes ill, you should notify the local EMS agency for their response. If you are a member of the local EMS agency, you will need to be either part of the EMS response and therefore not the patient observer, or the patient observer and not part of the EMS response.

**6. May an EMS service be contracted to standby at a vaccine clinic?**

Yes, they may, however, the providers on the crew for the standby vehicle are there for EMS purposes only and not for vaccination, medical observation, or public health administrative purposes.

**7. Who can I contact if I have further questions?**

Please contact the Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services at (860) 509-7975 if you have any questions.

**Comparison of EMS providers functioning as a vaccinator versus on duty EMS providers**

<b>Vaccinators May</b>	<b>EMS Providers May</b>
Conduct patient intake Administer vaccinations Document vaccinations Observe patients following vaccination Activate EMS in case of reaction	Standby at vaccine clinic Display EMS uniforms and insignia Staff ambulance or first responder vehicles Respond to emergency situations Implement EMS protocols
<b>Vaccinators May Not</b>	<b>EMS Providers May Not</b>
Be identified as EMS personnel Implement EMS protocols Utilize EMS vehicles for vaccinations	Conduct patient intake Administer vaccinations Document vaccinations Observe patients following vaccination