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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 21-01

Date: January 29, 2021

To: All Certified and Licensed EMS Organizations
All Certified EMS Instructors
All EMS Sponsor Hospitals

From: Raffaella Coler, RN, MEd, Paramedic^R
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Administrator Training and Registration

Please see the attached reference document with instructions for EMS personnel to complete the required training and registration to participate in vaccine administration. Please keep in mind that an EMT must have training in the administration of IM Epinephrine provided by an EMS instructor using the DPH approved program.

The COVID-19 vaccination effort continues to evolve to serve the needs of the community. This office will provide updates as available via Communication Statements and the OEMS webpage.



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Tier 2 COVID-19 Vaccinator Process

Tier One healthcare professionals are those already authorized to administer vaccines as part of their scope of practice, including physicians, physician assistants, APRNs, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

Tier Two healthcare professionals identified in the [Order issued by Acting Commissioner Diedre Gifford on December 7, 2020](#) are authorized to administer the COVID-19 Vaccine after completing training:

- podiatrists
- dentists
- dental hygienists, **provided they have training to administer dental anesthesia**
- veterinarians
- advanced emergency medical technicians
- emergency medical technicians, **provided they have completed the Department of Public Health (DPH) approved intramuscular epinephrine administration training**
- paramedics

This authorization limits such person to providing vaccination under the auspices of a COVID-19 vaccine provider which is enrolled in the federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program through the Department.

This requires three (3) steps, completion of a didactic training, verification of psychomotor skills and registration on the DPH portal.

Step 1	Complete an approved didactic training program. Select from one of the following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DPH ct.train.org• UCONN School of Pharmacy• Other approved programs are available
Step 2	Demonstrate hands-on vaccination skills with an approved evaluator. Select from one of the following evaluator groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DPH Approved Evaluators• UCONN School of Pharmacy Each candidate should leave this skills session with a completed skills form.
Step 3	Register on the DPH COVID-19 Vaccinator Page <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have your certificate from Step 1 ready to upload• Have your skills verification from Step 2 ready to upload• This registration will be made available to vaccine sites if the registrant so chooses
Once these steps are completed, the newly registered vaccinator may begin working for an approved vaccine site in a paid or unpaid position. Note that “Tier 2” vaccinators must be supervised by a “Tier 1” vaccinator at a vaccine site.	

Information will be updated on this webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/PLIS/Approved-COVID-19-Vaccination-Training-Programs>