



# MASS VACCINATION/IMMUNIZATION MEDICATION DISTRIBUTION

## History

- Follow local public health department criteria for specific immunization or medication administered.
- Patient receiving medication or vaccination must be without evidence of active infection.
- AEMT and Paramedic providers may participate
- EMT may participate when DHHS/NCMB allows special provision during local or state emergency.

## Situation

- Local implementation of this protocol must be done as a component of the EMS system's local public health department community immunization or medication distribution program.
- May initiate protocol when a community has limited public health department resources or when local or state health emergency is declared.

### Review immunization/vaccination or medication guide provided by the local public health department:

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| <b>A</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient selection criteria per local public health department (may vary)</li> <li>• Vaccine/immunization or medication indications</li> <li>• Vaccine/immunization or medication contraindications</li> <li>• Vaccine/immunization or medication distribution procedure</li> </ul> |
| <b>B</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMT may provide vaccinations when DHHS/NCMB allows special provision during local or state emergency.</li> </ul>   |

### Confirm patient eligibility for the vaccination or medication including:

- Age
- Medical history
- Contraindications
- Allergies

Eligibility confirmed?

NO

### Do not administer:

- Refer to local public health department providers/officials for further care and instructions.

### Allergic Reaction or Complications



- Exit to age appropriate Protocol(s)
- Notify appropriate local public health department provider/official

### Administer vaccination or medication:

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| <b>A</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dose dependent on local public health department</li> <li>• Route dependent on local public health department (PO, IN, IM, IV, SQ)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>B</b> | <h3><u>Administer Over-the-Counter medication and/or vaccination (if applicable):</u></h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergo specific "just-in-time" training</li> <li>• Dose dependent on local public health department</li> <li>• Route dependent on local public health department (PO, IN, IM). SQ when specified by NCOEMS.</li> <li>• Complete required local public health department documentation</li> <li>• Provide post immunization or medication written instructions and monitoring</li> </ul> |

### Administer Over-the-Counter medication and/or vaccination (if applicable):



## Pearls

- **Purpose:**  
Provide protocol driven process for EMS providers to assist with public health immunization or medication distribution initiatives.
- **Documentation of the immunization or medication:**  
Complete using local public health department approved record system.  
Creation of an EMS patient care report is not required and is not required to submit to NCOEMS.  
Must create a log of all patient contacts associated with the immunization or medication distribution program maintained by the EMS system.  
If local public health department is maintaining a log of all patients, EMS may use the public health log and keep copies in the EMS system.
- **Injection site:**  
Most common injection site for subcutaneous is tissue of an upper arm; follow procedure USP-4 otherwise.  
Injection volume is limited to 1 - 2 mL per site unless specific guidance is given per local public health department.  
Most common sites for intramuscular injections are upper arm, buttocks, and thighs, follow procedure USP-4.  
Injection volume is limited to 1 mL in the upper arm, unless specific guidance is given per local public health department; follow procedure USP-4 otherwise.  
Injection volume is limited to 2 mL (1 mL in pediatrics) in buttocks and thighs, unless specific guidance is given per local public health department; follow procedure USP-4 otherwise.