



Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency

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To: Tuolumne County EMS Personnel

From: Kimberly Freeman, MD, CPE, FACEP, Paramedic, Public Health Officer, EMS Medical Director

Re: Covid-19 State of Emergency Updates

The purpose of this memo is to disperse all the recently released guidance and rescission of many mandates and allowable scopes of practice:

1. In response to The State of California end of the state of emergency, EMSA has issued a memo, which can be found at the link below:
<https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2023/02/Update-EO-Termination-and-Vaccines-FINAL-23.02.01.pdf?emrc=63f9077a4d026>

To summarize:

Effective March 1, 2023, EMS personnel can no longer care for patients at static sites. The following are the settings in which EMS personnel can care for patients:

- at the scene of an emergency,
- during transport to a general acute care hospital,
- during interfacility transfer,
- while in the Emergency Department of a general acute care hospital, until care responsibility is assumed by the regular staff at the hospital, or
- during training within the facilities of a participating general acute care hospital.

Approved local optional scope of practices (LOSOPs) for EMS personnel to administer vaccinations and testing will remain in effect within the above-noted environments.

- Currently there are no EMS personnel in Tuolumne County that completed the trainings and submitted documentation to the EMS agency to administer vaccination and/or testing for patients.

2. Personal Protective Equipment
 - a. Beginning April 3, 2023, masks will no longer be required in indoor high-risk and health care settings. This includes health care, long-term care, and correctional facilities as well as homeless, emergency, and warming and cooling centers.
 - i. CDPH recommends wearing a mask when community spread levels are medium and high for the above listed high-risk settings.
 - ii. CDC COVID-19 Community Levels can be found
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county->

[view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=CommunityLevels](#)

- b. Healthcare facilities may have policies that differ from above. In the event that a responder is informed that a facility requires masking, responders shall comply with facility policies.
 - c. Agencies should review the new Cal-OSHA COVID-19 Non-Emergency Regulations guidelines regarding masking and testing. These regulations will be in effect until February 2025.
 - i. Visit the link below for more information.
https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Non_Emergency_Regulations/
 - d. Many, if not all, response agencies will also need to consider Cal-OSHA's Aerosol Transmissible Disease
 - i. https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/dosh_publications/ATD-Guide.pdf
3. Health Care System Surge
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Order-of-the-State-Public-Health-Officer-Hospital-and-Health-Care-System-Surge.aspx>
4. Isolation and Quarantine
AFL-21-08.9 Applies for healthcare workers regarding isolation and quarantine
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-21-08.aspx>

Any questions or concern should be directed to the TCEMSA at 209-533-7470

Thank you,



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