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Dear EMS Providers and Local Health Departments:

Given New York's dramatic progress against COVID-19, with the success in vaccination rates and declining hospitalization and positivity statewide, the state disaster emergency expired on Thursday, June 24. Therefore, the Executive Order expressly authorizing Basic EMTs to administer COVID-19 vaccinations is no longer in effect as of Friday, June 25, 2021.

The Department of Health is currently analyzing whether Basic EMTs are covered under the PREP Act, and in the meantime and until further notice, Basic EMTs should not serve as vaccinators or perform swabbing at testing locations. Intermediate and advanced EMTs, which include Advanced EMTs, EMT-CC and Paramedics, are covered by the Prep Act and are able to serve as vaccinators and/or administer swabs for testing, as are LPNs and all other non-traditional vaccinators we've been using to date, consistent with PREP Act authority. If you have any Basic EMTs scheduled as vaccinators on your staffing roster, please reassign them to assist with observation.

Additional information about the PREP act can be found at:

**PREP Act:** <https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/prepact/Pages/default.aspx>  
**PREP Act Expanding the COVID-19 Vaccination Workforce Notice:**  
<https://www.phe.gov/emergency/events/COVID19/Documents/covid19-vaccination-wrkfrc-factsheet-508.pdf>

EMS Agencies that operate a Community Paramedic program in order to perform vaccinations and/or testing services using agency Paramedics may continue to provide these services as part of the EMS agency under the PREP act.

Thank you for all you have done to support vaccination efforts in New York State. Please continue using approved EMS providers wherever appropriate, especially to reach individuals who are unable to access COVID-19 vaccines through other settings.

Sincerely,

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