


Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy

**COVID-19 Testing Sample Collection By
EMT, AEMT &/Or Paramedic Personnel**

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PURPOSE:

To establish the approval process and requirements for the collection of COVID-19 testing samples by EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel.

AUTHORITY:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9.
- C. California Governor’s Proclamation of a State Emergency, March 4, 2020.

POLICY:

- A. A local public health department or S-SV EMS authorized EMS provider desiring to utilize EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples must be approved by S-SV EMS.
- B. EMT, AEMT and paramedic personnel must be adequately trained and be functioning under the oversight of an S-SV EMS approved entity in order to collect COVID-19 testing samples.
- C. EMT, AEMT and paramedic personnel must utilize all currently recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) during the collection of COVID-19 testing samples.
- D. A local public health department or S-SV EMS authorized EMS provider desiring to utilize EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples shall submit a written request to S-SV EMS for approval. The written request shall include the following:
 - 1. A letter of intent to utilize EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples, including a description of the need to utilize EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel for this purpose.

2. A description of the geographic area and setting where EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel will be utilized to collect COVID-19 testing samples.
 3. Name and credentials of the individual(s) who will provide the required training to EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples.
- E. Approval or disapproval to utilize EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples will be made by S-SV EMS as soon as possible after receipt of a written request.
- F. Any entity approved by S-SV EMS to utilize EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples shall comply with the following:
1. Provide adequate training and skills competency testing to all EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel who will be collecting COVID-19 testing samples.
 2. Maintain copies of training sign in sheets and skills competency verification documentation for all EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel trained to collect COVID-19 testing samples. Training documentation is subject to review by S-SV EMS representatives upon request.
 3. Provide all currently recommended PPE to EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel collecting COVID-19 testing samples.
 4. Notify S-SV EMS, by the next business day, of any unusual event or potential patient harm involving the collection of COVID-19 testing samples by EMT, AEMT or paramedic personnel.