


Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Program Policy			
COVID-19 Testing Sample Collection By EMS Personnel			
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PURPOSE:

To allow EMT, AEMT and/or paramedic personnel (collectively referred to as ‘EMS personnel’) to collect COVID-19 testing samples.

AUTHORITY:

- A. HSC, Division 2.5.
- B. CCR, Title 22, Division 9.

POLICY:

- A. Any organization desiring to utilize EMS personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples must be approved by S-SV EMS.
- B. EMS personnel must have completed S-SV EMS approved didactic and skills training, and be functioning under the oversight of a local public health department or prehospital service provider in order to collect COVID-19 testing samples.
- C. Any organization utilizing EMS personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples is responsible for ongoing QI monitoring of this optional skill.
- D. Any organization desiring to utilize EMS 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 EMS personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples, including a description of the need to utilize EMS personnel for this purpose.
 - 2. A description of the geographic area and setting where EMS 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 EMS personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples.

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- E. Approval or disapproval to utilize EMS 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 EMS personnel to collect COVID-19 testing samples shall comply with the following:
1. Provide adequate training and skills competency testing to all EMS personnel who will be collecting COVID-19 testing samples.
 2. Maintain copies of training sign in sheets and skills competency verification documentation for all EMS 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 EMS 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 EMS personnel.