ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN

DATE: November 5, 2021

TO: San Mateo County Prehospital EMS System Providers

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SUBJECT: COVID & Seasonal Influenza Vaccination, Nasopharyngeal and Oropharyngeal Swab Testing (21–BUL–02)

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, subject to receipt of corresponding training and skills validation, this correspondence confirms the following:

1) Paramedics accredited by the San Mateo County EMS Agency employed by and functioning within a County approved Advanced Life Support provider agency are authorized to administer COVID vaccine to pediatric patients aged 5 years and older without contraindications.

2) Certified Emergency Medical Technicians as well as Paramedics accredited by the San Mateo County EMS Agency, employed by and functioning within a County approved Advanced Life Support provider agency are authorized to:
   a. Administer COVID and/or Seasonal Influenza vaccine to patients aged 12 years and older without contraindications.

   b. Perform Nasopharyngeal and/or Oropharyngeal Swab Testing in patients aged 12 years and older without contraindications.

We appreciate the continued support of our EMS system’s prehospital professionals in meeting the needs of San Mateo County residents and visitors through the delivery of exceptional care and service, despite the many challenges associated with the ongoing Pandemic.