



Policy Statement

Polio Vaccination Training Requirements

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the minimum standards for emergency medical services (EMS) community paramedic programs and Advanced EMS Providers administering Polio vaccinations under the provisions of [Executive Order No. 21: Declaring a Disaster in the State of New York](#).

II. REQUIREMENTS

As provided in Executive Order No. 21, paramedics, emergency medical technician-critical care, and advanced emergency medical technicians (Advanced EMS Providers), operating as part of an approved community paramedicine program and who have completed the education and training requirements for EMS vaccinators may administer the Polio vaccine.

EMS – Community Paramedicine Programs

1. EMS community paramedicine programs must provide an updated EMS community paramedicine program plan to the Department for approval prior to providing vaccinations for Polio.
NOTE: The Department can provide a community paramedicine program plan template upon request.
2. Prior to providing vaccinations for polio, an approved EMS community paramedicine program must ensure that all approved Advanced Providers have completed the required classroom/online training and in-person clinical vaccine administration training which includes a skill and competency assessment for each of the vaccines that will be administered. All Community Paramedicine programs are required to keep a training file for each Community Paramedic provider that may be audited by the department at any time.

Advanced EMS Providers

1. No Advanced EMS Provider may administer a vaccine prior to completing the required classroom/online training and in-person clinical vaccine administration training which includes a skill and competency assessment for each of the vaccines that will be administered.
2. Advanced EMS Providers must complete the required training for vaccinators as listed below and in the letter of approval.
 1. Complete the NYS DOH Vaccine Training, specific to the vaccine(s) that will be administered, on Vital Signs Academy or in person with the community paramedicine program designated training officer.
 2. **Complete in-person clinical vaccine administration training including assessment of skills and competencies in accordance with NYSDOH guidance.**

- a. For new vaccinators, the in-person vaccine administration training must cover the areas listed in the [Immunization Action Coalition Skills Checklist for Vaccine Administration](#).
 - b. The assessment of the individual's skills and competencies must be completed using the checklist, with all areas identified as meeting or exceeding required skills and competencies for vaccine administration. The assessment must be signed off by a Medical Director or Medical Director designee (such as a training officer). If using a Medical Director designee, the Medical Director must first sign off on the skills of the designee and have written documentation that the Medical Director approved the designee to sign off other providers skills.
3. Complete the online attestation form using the link provided below.

[Polio Vaccination Attestation \(ny.gov\)](#)

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Questions can be submitted to CommunityParamedicine.EMS@health.ny.gov