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**TO:** Contra Costa County 911 Field Provider Agencies

**FROM:** Dr. David Goldstein, EMS Medical Director 

**DATE:** April 23, 2020

**SUBJECT: Nasopharyngeal Swabbing by EMS Providers**

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During the COVID-19 emergency, Contra Costa County EMTs and Paramedics have been granted expanded scope of practice to perform nasopharyngeal swabbing in patients suspected of having COVID-19. The intention behind the expanded scope is to increase testing capabilities to augment the current testing within the county.

During the declared emergency, the following personnel will be approved to practice within this scope of practice:

1. Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) employed by a Contra Costa County permitted/contracted provider.
2. Accredited Paramedics employed by a Contra Costa County permitted/contracted provider.
3. EMT or Paramedic will not be on a current educational assignment/performance improvement plan.

The following documents are included for providers that wish to train their employees on nasal swabbing:

1. Nasal swabbing power point with video.
2. Skill check-off sheet
3. Sign-in sheet
4. Field procedure

Just in Time training may be necessary at a facility or swabbing site specific to the swabbing test that is being used.

Advise the LEMSA if a partnership is established with a testing facility or testing will be performed by providers from your agency.

Any questions, please contact Mia Fairbanks at [maria.fairbanks@cchealth.org](mailto:maria.fairbanks@cchealth.org) or Joanny All at [jall@cchealth.org](mailto:jall@cchealth.org).

