EMS Immunization

Purpose: To allow paramedics to provide vaccinations for seasonal influenza and during public health emergencies.

Community immunization and other public health applications are important duties that paramedics may perform as determined necessary in cooperation with the medical control authority and the local public health department. Training will be approved by the EMS Medical Director and Medical Control Authority and may be accomplished under the direction of the MCA and/or local public health department.

1. **Indications for immunization:**
   A. Public or EMS agency personnel may be immunized under guidelines developed by the public health department or MCA.
   B. Age groups for immunization will be determined by the MCA or public health department as appropriate for the immunization clinic setting as determined necessary by the local public health department or agency infection control guidance.
   C. Timing of immunizations will be determined by the MCA, EMS agency and public health department to comply with public health needs or agency immunization requirements as determined by agency infection control guidance.
   D. Immunizations may be performed in clinic, NEHC, mass immunization or agency setting as approved by the MCA and/or local public health department.

2. **Immunization**
   A. Immunizations may be administered via IM, SQ or intranasal route in dosing determined by guidance provided by the MCA or local public health department as required for the agent administered.
   B. Screening will be performed as determined appropriate for the agent administered by the MCA or local health department.

3. **Training**
   A. Training for immunization will be provided by local public health department personnel or under an approved MCA program.

4. **Personnel requirements**
   A. Immunizations may only be performed by paramedics trained by local public health department personnel or under approved MCA training programs.

5. **Record keeping**
   A. A record of public or agency personnel receiving immunizations will be maintained by the agency performing the immunizations as determined by the local public health department/Medical Control Authority.
   B. Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) record keeping may be required for some immunizations such as is required for H1N1.