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Immunization & Testing

Purpose:
To allow paramedics or other Medical Control Authority (MCA) approved personnel to provide testing and vaccinations for agency personnel and the community. Community immunization and other public health applications are important duties that EMS personnel may perform as determined necessary in cooperation with the medical control authority, local hospitals, and the local public health department. Training will be approved by the EMS Medical Director and the MCA, and may be accomplished under the direction of the MCA and/or local public health department.

1. **Indications for immunization and/or testing:**
   A. Public or EMS agency personnel may be immunized or tested under guidelines developed by the public health department or MCA. Testing may include tests for infectious diseases or other diagnostic testing as needed.
   B. Age groups for immunization will be determined by the MCA or public health department as appropriate.
   C. Timing of immunizations or testing will be determined by the MCA, hospital, 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 or testing may be performed in clinic, NEHC, mass immunization or agency setting as approved by the MCA and/or local public health department.
2. **Immunization or testing**
   A. Immunizations may be administered via intramuscular (IM), subcutaneous (SQ), or intranasal (IN) 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.
   C. TB tests are intradermal and require additional training and certification in order to perform. Tests will be interpreted by paramedics performing the tests or personnel trained to review TB tests under MCA approved training programs.
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 or testing may 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 or TB testing will be maintained by the agency performing the immunizations or TB testing as determined by the local public health department/Medical Control Authority.
   B. The Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) record keeping is required for immunizations.