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Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in collaboration with Maine EMS, has adopted emergency rulemaking that establishes a system by which Maine Public Health Officials can monitor the capacity and impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on EMS personnel as defined by Maine CDC. The emergency rule, attached to this bulletin, defines EMS personnel as any person licensed by Maine EMS who routinely provide emergency medical treatment to the sick or injured, including, but not limited to emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics. For the purpose of this rule, EMS personnel also includes those providing medical service transports to the sick or injured (i.e. drivers) and emergency medical dispatchers.

The information provided as a result of this rule will inform decisions regarding EMS workforce capacity as a key element of a comprehensive and effective emergency medical services system.

Reporting Requirements

When EMS personnel are removed from service as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with guidance issued by Maine CDC in partnership with Maine EMS, the following information must be entered within 24 hours of the removal into the online reporting system deployed by Maine CDC to collect information related to EMS personnel capacity:

- The identity of the EMS service organization or EMD center;
- EMS personnel license number of the individual removed from service;
- Date of removal from the EMS or EMD workforce; and
- Whether the removal was a result of self-quarantine due to exposure or potential exposure of a notifiable condition, or was a result of the individual exhibiting signs and symptoms of a notifiable disease or condition.

Reports of each of the following events must be completed within 24 hours of the event:

- EMS personnel enters self-quarantine;
- EMS personnel completes self-quarantine;

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- EMS personnel exhibits signs or symptoms consistent with a notifiable condition;
- EMS personnel is tested for the notifiable condition/communicable disease;
- EMS personnel receives confirmation of a positive test;
- EMS personnel is admitted to a hospital;
- EMS personnel is deceased due to, or likely due to, the disease or condition;
- EMS personnel has returned to work, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department in partnership with Maine EMS; and
- EMS personnel resigns or terminates employment before returning to work after being absent from service due to reasons related to notifiable condition.

Reporting System

The EMS service organizations and EMD centers, or their designee(s), should use the following link to submit reports to Maine CDC:

<https://gateway.maine.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=PMRK4MKDRC>

Confidentiality

Pursuant to 22 MRS §824, information reported under this rule, including, but not limited to, the names of EMS personnel who, in accordance with Maine CDC-issued guidance related to exposure or suspected exposure to a notifiable condition, have been temporarily removed from service, as well as any other information that may identify those individuals, is confidential, unless otherwise stated in law or this rule.

In the event of an actual or threatened epidemic or outbreak or public health threat or extreme public health emergency, as declared by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services or the Governor pursuant to 37-B MRS § 742, the information collected under this rule may also be released to private health care providers and health and human services agencies, including Maine EMS, for the purpose of carrying out public health functions as authorized by statute. Additionally, information provided to Maine EMS that does not identify individuals may be used for the purpose of reporting, including, but not limited to, the requirements specified in 32 MRS Ch. 2-B §84 Sub§§ 2 and 3.

Any person receiving a disclosure of identifying information pursuant to this rule may not further disclose this information without the consent of the affected person or by court order.

Attachment(s):

10-144 CMR Ch. 124 (Emergency Rule – Adopted April 22, 2020)

STATE OF MAINE

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PERSONNEL REPORTING RULE (Emergency)**

**10-144 CODE OF MAINE RULES
CHAPTER 124**



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**10-144 Department of Health And Human Services
Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

Chapter 124: Emergency Medical Services Personnel Reporting Rule

SUMMARY

Pursuant to 22 MRS chapter 250, the Department is authorized to implement rules to require entities to report information related to public health emergency preparedness and responsiveness in the event of a potential or actual public health emergency. This rule establishes requirements of a uniform system of reporting information related to emergency medical service (EMS) system personnel capacity to respond to cases or suspected cases of notifiable diseases or conditions, or declared public health threat and further the coordination and integration of activities and resources related to emergency medical services to inform the overall planning, evaluation, coordination, facilitation and operation of emergency medical services systems, including personnel. This rule permits the collection of information specific to EMS responders, emergency medical transportation service providers and emergency medical dispatchers who have been temporarily removed from service due to exposure or potential exposure to a notifiable disease, or signs or symptoms of a notifiable condition. Reports will be used for public health purposes and will inform decisions regarding EMS workforce capacity as a key element of a comprehensive and effective emergency medical services system that ensures optimum patient care.

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SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

A. Definitions. As used in this rule, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings:

1. **Ambulance service** means any person, persons or organization, which holds itself out to be a provider of transportation for ill or injured persons, or which routinely provides transportation for ill or injured persons. Ambulance service includes ground ambulance and air ambulance services.
2. **Department** means the State of Maine, Department of Health and Human Services Maine Center for Disease and Prevention.
3. **EMD center** means any entity that holds itself out to be a provider of emergency medical dispatch (EMD) services and that is licensed by Maine EMS.
4. **Emergency medical treatment** means those skills, techniques and judgments, as defined by the Emergency Medical Services' Board, which are directed to maintaining, improving or preventing deterioration of the medical condition of the patient and which are appropriate to be delivered by trained persons at the scene of a patient's illness or injury outside the hospital and during transportation to the hospital.
5. **EMS personnel** means any person licensed by Maine EMS who routinely provide emergency medical treatment to the sick or injured, including, but not limited to emergency medical responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians and paramedics. For the purpose of this rule, EMS personnel also includes those providing medical service transports (i.e. ground ambulance and air ambulance services) to the sick or injured and emergency medical dispatchers.
6. **EMS service organization** means any ambulance service or non-transporting service that is licensed by Maine EMS, including but not limited to ground ambulance services, air ambulance services, and non-transporting services
7. **Maine Emergency Medical Services or Maine EMS** means the Emergency Medical Services' Board, the emergency medical services director, and staff within the Department of Public Safety responsible for providing oversight of matters relating to the care delivered by EMS providers in Maine, pursuant to 32 MRS Chapter 2-B. Maine EMS is charged with ensuring the operations of a comprehensive and effective emergency medical services (EMS) system that optimizes patient care.

SECTION 2. REQUIRED REPORTING

- A. Required Reporting.** EMS service organizations and EMD centers are responsible for ensuring compliance with reporting requirements under this rule during a declared public health threat or extreme public health emergency. EMS service organizations and EMD centers may designate staff responsible for reporting and monitoring the status of those EMS personnel absent from service due to reasons related to a notifiable condition. EMS personnel reports pursuant to this rule must identify the reporter and be in the form and content prescribed by the Department. The electronic reporting required under this rule is in addition to other reporting required by Maine laws and rules.
1. When EMS personnel is removed from service in accordance with guidance issued by the Department in partnership with Maine EMS, the following information must be entered within 24 hours of the removal into the electronic system designated by the Department to collect information related to EMS personnel capacity:
 - a. The identity of the EMS service organization or EMD center;
 - b. EMS personnel license number of the individual removed from service;
 - c. Date of removal from the EMS or EMD workforce; and
 - d. Whether the removal was a result of self-quarantine due to exposure or potential exposure of a notifiable condition, or was a result of the individual exhibiting signs and symptoms of a notifiable disease or condition.
 2. In addition to reports required pursuant to Section 2(A)(1), reports of each of the following events must be completed within 24 hours of the event:
 - a. EMS personnel enters self-quarantine.
 - b. EMS personnel completes self-quarantine.
 - c. EMS personnel exhibits signs or symptoms consistent with a notifiable condition.
 - d. EMS personnel is tested for the notifiable condition/communicable disease.
 - e. EMS personnel receives confirmation of a positive test.
 - f. EMS personnel is admitted to a hospital.
 - g. EMS personnel is deceased due to, or likely due to, the disease or condition.
 - h. EMS personnel has returned to work, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department in partnership with Maine EMS.
 - i. EMS personnel resigns or terminates employment before returning to work after being absent from service due to reasons related to notifiable condition.
- B.** Any additional information reasonably requested by the Department pertaining to the EMS organizations or EMD centers personnel capacity and functions related to emergency management operations must be provided upon request.

SECTION 3. CONFIDENTIALITY

- A.** Pursuant to 22 MRS §824, information reported under this rule, including, but not limited to, the names of EMS personnel who, in accordance with Department-issued guidance related to exposure or suspected exposure to a notifiable condition, have been temporarily removed from service, as well as any other information that may identify those individuals, is confidential, unless otherwise stated in law or this rule.

 - B.** In the event of an actual or threatened epidemic or outbreak or public health threat or extreme public health emergency, as declared by the Department or the Governor pursuant to 37-B MRS § 742, the information collected under this rule may also be released to private health care providers and health and human services agencies, including Maine EMS, for the purpose of carrying out public health functions as authorized by statute. Additionally, information provided to Maine EMS that does not identify individuals may be used for the purpose of reporting, including, but not limited to, the requirements specified in 32 MRS ch. 2-B §84 sub§§ 2 and 3.

 - C.** Any person receiving a disclosure of identifying information pursuant to this rule may not further disclose this information without the consent of the infected person or by court order.
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STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Statutory Authority: 22 MRS §820(1)(C)

Effective Date:

- April 22, 2020 Filing of Emergency Major Substantive Rule