



Joint Memorandum: Local Coordination of Fire/Rescue Personnel Vaccinations

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TO: All Florida Fire/Rescue Providers and Local IAFF Representatives

FROM: Florida Fire Chiefs Association and Florida Professional Firefighters

Your County Health Department should now (or very soon) have the ability to vaccinate Fire/Rescue personnel in accordance with Florida's plan. That said, each County Health Department in conjunction with County Emergency Management, has a certain level of control over how this plan is actually administered. We HIGHLY recommend that your department's administrators stay in touch with the County Health Department and County Emergency Management to coordinate this effort. There has been much confusion related to the CDC's bifurcation of "EMS" and "Firefighters" into different vaccination phases, but nearly all Florida Fire/Rescue agencies provide some level of EMS service and should therefore have their responding personnel considered "Healthcare Personnel with direct patient contact" by the local County Health Department. Although prioritization within the different phases has, and will continue to happen because of the limited vaccine supply, we urge you to confirm that your agency's personnel are slotted to be vaccinated as "Healthcare Personnel with direct patient contact" by your County Health Department. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your FFCA Representative or FPF District Vice President.

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<https://www.ffca.org/coronavirus-resources>

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>