



County of Santa Clara  
Emergency Medical Services System  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**Number:** AO 2020-002  
**Title:** EMT Certification, Paramedic Accreditation and EMS System ID Badges  
**Effective:** April 1, 2020  
*[Revised and reissued on July 29, 2020]*  
*[Second extension effective on December 22, 2020]*

**I. Declaration**

The Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services Agency has determined that an unscheduled temporary alteration to certain *Santa Clara County Prehospital Care Policies* is required. Consistent with *Santa Clara County Prehospital Care Policy 109: Policy Development and Implementation*, the EMS Director, or designee, may issue Administrative Orders when immediate changes are necessary.

**II. Statement of Change and Rationale**

The following policies are affected by this Administrative Order based on California Executive order N-39-20, and California EMSA Policy (attached) to implement California Executive Order N-39-20.

- 201: Emergency Medical Technician Certification
- 205: Paramedic Accreditation
- 208: EMS Field Supervisor Credentialing
- 617: EMS System Identification Badge

*[Provisions in this subsection expire as stated]*

All EMS personnel (EMT, AEMT, and paramedic) with licenses or certifications (or local accreditation) expiring in March, April, May, or June of 2020 shall have their license or certification expiration dates extended until July 31, 2020.

*[Provisions in this subsection are still applicable]*

The requirement for a completed skills competency verification by EMTs for renewal or reinstatement is waived for the duration of the COVID-19 declared state of emergency. EMTs renewing during the COVID-19 declared state of emergency that cannot or have not completed a skills examination already shall submit a valid skills form within 6 months after the end of the COVID-19 declared state of emergency.

[Provisions in this subsection are still applicable]

The National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) provisional registrations or a successful completion of the NREMT written (knowledge) Assessment exam shall be accepted for purposes of certification, licensure or reinstatement. EMS personnel with a provisional NREMT registration shall be required to receive a full NREMT registration within 6 months of the NREMT allowing testing. EMS personnel who have successfully completed the NREMT written Assessment exam shall be required to complete the NREMT psychomotor exam within 6 months of the NREMT allowing testing.

Santa Clara County EMS System ID Badges shall be valid based on current state certification or license expiration dates.

### III. Execution

Administrative Order # 2020-002 was made effective on April 1, 2020. This Administrative Order was initially implemented to temporarily altered Santa Clara County Prehospital Care Policies through July 31, 2020. The order was extended to December 31, 2020. Due to the ongoing declared state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, this order has been extended for a second term and will remain in effect until June 30, 2021.



---

Ken Miller, MD, PhD  
EMS Medical Director



---

Jackie Lowther, RN, MSN, MBA  
EMS Agency Director

Please direct any questions to Ken Miller, EMS Medical Director, by phone at 408.794.0615, or via email at [kenneth.miller@ems.sccgov.org](mailto:kenneth.miller@ems.sccgov.org)