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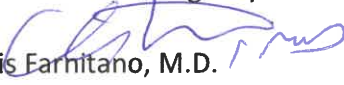


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To: Contra Costa Emergency Medical Services

From:  Chris Farnitano, M.D.  
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Subject: Mandatory Influenza Vaccination or Masking of Health Care Workers During Influenza Season 2018-2019

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On August 27, 2012 a Health Officer order was issued for licensed health care facilities mandating that their health care workers either receive annual influenza vaccination or, if they decline, to wear a mask while working in patient care areas during influenza season. On September 20, 2017 this order was updated to extend the definition of flu season from November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

Given the close interaction of EMS personnel with patients and staff at these health care facilities, I am additionally issuing this same order for all EMS personnel who provide patient care and transport. Please distribute this order to EMS provider agencies serving Contra Costa County.

Please refer to my September 6, 2018 Memorandum for further detail:  
<https://cchealth.org/public-health/pdf/2018-0917-Masking-Memo-update.pdf>

I appreciate your help and support in protecting the residents of Contra Costa County. If there are additional questions, please contact the Contra Costa Health Services Public Health Division Communicable Disease Programs at 925-313-6740.

