

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-1
Attachment A

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROVIDING FOR
CONTINUITY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CARE


I hereby reissue my previous Order of March 17, 2020:

1. When a Class I, II or V ambulance transports a patient receiving care at the Basic Life Support (BLS) level, ambulance staffing will satisfy minimum required staffing standards provided the ambulance is staffed with at least one EMT who is a minimum certified at the EMT-Basic level, as set forth in 105 CMR 170.810, and one first responder, as defined in 105 CMR 171.000 (excluding lifeguards), or other individual deemed qualified by the affiliate hospital medical director, who shall drive the ambulance.
2. When a Class I, II or V ambulance transports a patient receiving care at the Advanced level of ALS, ambulance staffing will satisfy minimum required staffing standards provided the ambulance is staffed with at least one EMT who is at minimum certified at the EMT-Advanced or higher level, and one first responder, as defined in 105 CMR 171.000 (excluding lifeguards), who shall drive the ambulance.
3. When a Class I, II or V ambulance transports a patient receiving care at the Paramedic level of ALS, ambulance staffing will satisfy minimum required staffing standards provided the ambulance is staffed with at least one EMT who is at a minimum certified at the Paramedic level, and one first responder, as defined in 105 CMR 171.000 (excluding lifeguards), who shall drive the ambulance.

All applicable statutes, regulations and guidance not inconsistent with this Order remain in effect.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by me or the public health emergency is terminated by the Governor, whichever shall happen first.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Monica Bharel, MD, MPH
Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
June 14, 2021