

## Medical Directive - Collection of Specimens to Test for COVID-19 without a Physician's Order – Contracted EMS

This medical directive supports the Saskatchewan Health Authority position on the collection of specimens required to test for COVID-19.

Paramedics employed by contracted EMS services are authorized to perform the collection of nasopharyngeal or throat/nare swabs or sputum specimen collection required for testing for COVID-19 based on testing guidelines available at

<https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/news/service-alerts-emergency-events/covid-19/testing-screening-treatment-medical-directives>.

EMS staff must provide patient education regarding follow up to the test.

Employees will refer any questions or concerns regarding the collection of specimens required for COVID-19 testing to their manager.

This medical directive has been approved by Dr. Damjan Gaco, Medical Director on May 15, 2020 and is effective for 3 years from the date of signing.

Signed by:



Dr. Damjan Gaco, Medical Director