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"The paramedic, confronted daily with Covid, must undoubtedly integrate an initial phase of vaccination. Indeed, this one, in view of its important exposure, can bring back the virus, be asymptomatic and make it circulate. It is not uncommon for the paramedic on a shift to visit several hospitals or nursing homes in different regions of Belgium. Without forgetting international repatriations and air medical evacuations" specifies Arnaud Franchini, CEO of NAAB Ambulance Service LLC.

The WHO justifies and recommends giving priority vaccination to caregivers at medium and high risk of contracting Covid.

"A possible next wave of Covid is not excluded, in this sense, to ensure the continuity of the chain of care in optimal conditions, the ambulance driver must be considered, as a person at high risk at high risk, as priority" he continues.

"The urgency and scale of the task facing governments today in the face of the pandemic demands efficiency. The task force must revise its position by vaccinating healthcare staff as quickly as possible, which will undoubtedly alleviate the pressure on the hospital system" concludes Arnaud Franchini.