

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

In this fast-paced atmosphere, we understand that it can be difficult to keep track of the most important information; that is why we have a centralized web page dedicated to COVID-19, which includes all of the vital information we have sent to members in both chronological order and organized by the source of the information. This page will be updated as information comes in. So when you are feeling inundated with email and news and want to visit one place to get the up-to-date information you need on COVID-19 in assisted living, visit <https://www.mass-ala.org/about/helpful-resources/covid-19/> or just click on COVID-19 Updates at the top of the Mass-ALA homepage.

MASS-ALA UPDATES

- 4/21: Passage of COVID-19 Liability Bill Protects Assisted Living in the Pandemic
- 4/20: Alternate Care Facilities for COVID-19 Positive Residents
- 4/18: Updated List of PPE Sources
- 4/16: EOEA Suggested PPE Practices in ALRs
- 4/15: Patient/Resident Care Portal Updated Information
- 4/14: Supplemental Mobile Testing Guidance
- 4/10: Mass-ALA Supports Liability Protection Bill with Inclusion of PCAs
- 4/9: Testing Available to ALRs through National Guard and Other Options
- 4/9: Patient/Resident Care Technician Job Portal (sample job description can be viewed here)
- 4/6: GAFC Guidelines Expanded
- 4/4: MassMAP Emergency Reporting
- 4/3: Available PPE Supplies
- 4/2: Skilled Nursing Services and Workforce Relief
- 4/1: New Flexibilities in the GAFC Program due to COVID-19
- 3/30: Mass-ALA Supports COVID-19 Recovery Facilities Effort
- 3/30: Department of Labor Updates Definition of Health Care Provider Under Families First Act

- 3/27: How to Request PPE from the State of Massachusetts
- 3/25: Argentum Update, Status of \$2 Trillion COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package
- 3/25: Adult Day Health Programs
- 3/24: Assisted Living Staff Eligible for Child-Care
- 3/24: COVID-19 Update: EOEA Revised FAQs
- 3/24: EOEA on Reporting non-resident Incidents of COVID-19
- 3/21: COVID-19 Update: Health Care Personnel Updates from CDC and DPH
- 3/19: COVID-19 Update: Coronavirus Resources
- 3/19: Call to Action for Federal Support of Assisted Living on Coronavirus
- 3/18: COVID-19 Update: EOEA Q and A
- 3/17: COVID-19 Update: Amended EOEA Guidance
- 3/16: DPH Update on Visitation Guidelines
- 3/13: Updates from EOEA Coronavirus Conference Call Today
- 3/12: Assisted Living Residence Operators Guidance and Policies and Procedures to Protect Residents, Facilities, and Services during the COVID-19 Outbreak

EOEA (EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS) UPDATES

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- Supplemental Mobile Testing Guidance
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- Skilled Nursing Services and Workforce Relief
- Assisted Living Staff Eligible for Child-Care
- Reporting non-resident incidents of COVID-19
- Revised FAQs
- FAQ #1 – “Visitor” Access, Congregate Dining, Group Activities
- Amended Assisted Living Residence Operators Guidance and Policies and Procedures to Protect Residents, Facilities, and Services during the COVID-19 Outbreak

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESOURCES

- World Health Organization
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Massachusetts Government: Information on the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- Argentum (the nation’s largest assisted living association), has a toolkit with helpful COVID-19 resources & other information
- NCOA (National Council on Aging) has compiled useful information for older adults and COVID-19 resources
- Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative
- AARP
- Fenway Health

Best Regards,

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Please contact us if you have any questions at, MassALA@mass-ala.org

**The information provided in this COVID 19 update is solely for general informational purposes to assist in understanding the evolving guidance regarding the current COVID 19 public health threat. It is not intended to be a primary public health or medical resource, but is provided as a clearinghouse for or compilation of various guidance issued by official and related sources.*

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