

# UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

Last week, Mass-ALA [sent a notice](#) regarding the availability of Point-of-Care tests from the state supply, which included a guidance from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs regarding BinaxNOW Rapid Point of Care COVID-19 Testing for Assisted Living Residences.

It has come to our attention that some ALRs have requested these tests without meeting the minimum requirements for doing so and have subsequently been denied. Please note that there are specific minimum requirements that must be in place in order to successfully request test kits. Those minimum requirements are listed below.

1. Have an approved CLIA Certificate of Waiver ([here is the process for how to apply for CLIA waivers](#))
2. Secure a signed provider order for testing
3. Maintain an adequate supply of PPE
4. Review consent forms
5. Ensure all staff performing testing meet training requirements (see Appendix A)
6. Report test results to DPH

All ALRs must complete the above requirements and submit an attestation via the online survey [ALR BinaxNOW Test Kit Checklist](#) prior distribution of Abbott BinaxNOW test kit(s) attestations.

Included in last week's email was the guidance from EOEA, which also offers a formula that will enable ALRs to determine how many test kits they may request.

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[View the EOEA Guidance Here](#)

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