



Dear Members,

The COVID-19 vaccine is critical to safeguarding assisted living communities from the threat of the virus. The state is currently vaccinating all priority groups in Phase 1 of its COVID-19 vaccination program, including both staff and residents of assisted living communities. In coordination with EOEa, Mass-ALA staff is calling each assisted living residence the day before their first scheduled vaccine clinic to ensure they are prepared, provide information, and answer any questions.

We have heard from some members that residences providing COVID-19 vaccination education and resources are seeing a higher proportion of staff accepting the vaccine.

If your staff members have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, we urge you to share the resources below, offered by both the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the state of Massachusetts, that outline the safety and efficacy of the vaccine.

Massachusetts has put out a helpful video that answers frequently asked questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. We encourage you to share this video widely:



*\*Video from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For more information visit [www.mass.gov/covid19](http://www.mass.gov/covid19)*

Thank you again for your continued efforts in keeping assisted living residents and staff safe.

Sincerely,

Brian Doherty, CAE  
President & CEO

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**Additional Resources available:**

- CDC – [Long-Term Care Facility Staff: Answering Common Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- CDC – [Facts about Vaccination](#)
- CDC – [What to Expect at Your Vaccine Appointment](#)
- Mass.gov – [What You Need to Know about the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- Mass.gov – [Important information for those receiving the Moderna Vaccine](#)
- Mass.gov – [Important information for those receiving the Pfizer Vaccine](#)
- Mass.gov – [COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Boston Globe – [There are so many reasons why she got the vaccine](#)

***If you have any questions, please contact, [MassALA@mass-ala.org](mailto: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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