

# UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

We are grateful to have witnessed success in the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out as it relates to residents as well as staff among Massachusetts ALRs. Most have received the full two-dose protocol, although some have received the first dose, but not the second. *In this update, we are sharing three options for securing vaccinations for staff and residents now that the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program has concluded in Massachusetts.*

Click [here](#), to download an Excel spreadsheet containing information about Massachusetts vaccination sites for all three COVID-19 vaccines. Staff members who have received a first dose and are in need of a second dose are encouraged to call the vaccination sites at their phone numbers listed in the spreadsheet, as the second dose may be difficult to schedule on the website.

Last week, Mass-ALA shared information from EOEA regarding recommendations for obtaining COVID-19 vaccines for residents and staff after the conclusion of the FPPP on-site program. Click [here](#) to download those **Vaccine Opportunities for ALRs post Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program**

Mass-ALA is also pleased to share the information below, regarding a statewide in-home vaccine program developed by the state. In collaboration with local Boards of Health, the state will offer in-home vaccinations for homebound individuals, for which residents in assisted living who meet the criteria are eligible.

**In-home vaccinations are for homebound individuals who are not able to leave their home to get to a vaccination site, even with assistance. These individuals require either:**

1. Ambulance or two-person assistance to leave the home, or
2. Are not able to leave the home for medical appointments under normal circumstances, or
3. Have considerable difficulty and/or require significant support to leave the home for medical appointments.

As over 40 percent of assisted living residents have Alzheimer's or other dementia, you may find that many of your residents qualify under that third category above. Those who support individuals who are homebound and may require an in-home vaccination may contact the State Homebound Vaccination Central Intake Line (1-833-983-0485) operated by MassOptions, to be screened for appropriateness for an in-home vaccine and connected to resources to schedule a vaccination. This intake line may be accessed Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will connect any homebound individual with the proper resources. Many local Boards of Health currently manage their own homebound vaccination programs for their communities, but some have partnered with the state's homebound vaccination program through Commonwealth Care Alliance (CCA).

Those individuals found to be eligible for the program will be registered with CCA or referred to their local Board of Health. For individuals who need assistance preregistering or scheduling an appointment at a vaccination site, please refer to 2-1-1 (877-211-6277).

For complete details on the Massachusetts Homebound Vaccination Program, please refer to the Resource Guides found [here](#).

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Please contact us if you have any questions at, [MassALA@mass-ala.org](mailto:MassALA@mass-ala.org).

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