

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

Yesterday, the state announced the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in many public settings effective May 29 and the end of the State of Emergency effective June 15. While the [March 17 updated EOEA guidance for assisted living](#) is still in effect, here are updates on how yesterday's announcement impacts assisted living.

State of Emergency

The June 15 end of the State of Emergency will mark the end of the April 2nd, 2020, Executive Order policies summarized in [this announcement](#). This will mark the end of the skilled services allowed to be administered by nurses in assisted living during the State of Emergency, along with the staffing and training flexibilities, unless further legislative or regulatory actions are taken by the state. Mass-ALA continues to advocate for the Common Sense Health Services bill and with this imminent deadline, we will be advocating with policy makers so that residents can continue to have the option to receive health services directly from nurses at their assisted living residence. We will update you if there are any changes, but in the meantime, plans should be made for residents to receive care through means permitted under applicable regulations beginning June 16.

Mask Guidance

Masks will continue to be required for "clients and staff" in congregate care settings, including assisted living residences. The updated mask guidance effective May 29 is [at this link](#).

Next Steps

As the state considers further adjustments to the current guidance, we will continue to advocate for assisted living and will keep you updated.

If you have any questions, please contact us at Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org

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