

# UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

DPH released a [memorandum](#) to Assisted Living Residences today, announcing changes in recommended surveillance testing. Please note this memorandum is still a requirement for nursing homes and rest homes and a recommendation for assisted living residences. The updated recommendation for surveillance testing includes the change that, “staff who are fully vaccinated (14 days or more from receiving the final dose in the series) no longer need to be tested for surveillance purposes”. Another relevant provision is that “If the staff testing results indicate a positive COVID-19 staff member(s), then the provider must conduct outbreak testing of all residents and staff, including those who are fully vaccinated and those who are not, . . .”. See the full [memorandum](#) for more details.

***If you have any questions, please contact us at [Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org](mailto:Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org)***

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