

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

Mass-ALA has received several questions regarding EOEA's requirements related to the annual influenza vaccinations. EOEA confirmed for Mass-ALA that the emergency order suspending [651 CMR 12.06\(9\)\(d\)1.c.](#) is no longer in effect. This provision of the regulation, which is no longer suspended, allows employees to decline the seasonal influenza vaccine, so long as they signed a statement certifying they received information about the risks and benefits of the influenza vaccine and such statements were maintained by the Residence. Additionally, there is no required reporting to EOEA regarding such influenza vaccinations. Review of compliance with 651 CMR 12.06(9), proof of such vaccinations or qualifications for an exception will be reviewed by EOEA during a Residence's Compliance Review. Mass-ALA remains fully engaged with this process and will keep you apprised of any changes and as more information becomes available. As a reminder, [a message from EOEA on October 22](#) announced that there was no required reporting to EOEA of COVID-19 vaccination mandate compliance, and that proof of such vaccinations or qualifications for an exception will be reviewed by EOEA during a Residence's Compliance Review.

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

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