

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

On January 6th, EOEА notified ALRs of the order issued by the Department of Public Health, stating that all ALRs must ensure that their eligible personnel have received a COVID-19 booster vaccination no later than February 28th. You may access the order and Mass-ALA's summary [here](#). Today, EOEА issued a reminder of the deadline, which you may access [here](#). Today's update also specifies the requirements regarding those individuals who become eligible for a booster after the deadline, which mandates the completion of the booster vaccination no later than three weeks from the date of eligibility. All documentation regarding COVID-19 vaccines, including booster information and declination statements for all personnel, must be made available for review by EOEА during any Compliance Review conducted after October 31, 2021, or when requested by EOEА.

Today's [update](#) from EOEА also announces that they will send a request for data next month, which will require ALRs to report the vaccine/booster status of all ALR staff. The report from each ALR will be posted on EOEА's website.

Here is additional information on booster access and overcoming vaccine hesitancy. Mass-ALA reached out to you asking that you complete a survey about booster hesitancy. The summary of the results can be accessed [here](#). We thank you for the information you provided in that survey and hope it will be helpful for you to see what other providers have found successful to overcome vaccine and booster hesitancy. Accessibility has been identified by some as a barrier when it comes to accessing a booster and we are happy to inform you that there is some assistance with that.

With the February 28th deadline quickly approaching and accessibility being recognized as a contributing factor for many who have not received a booster vaccination, EOEА Secretary Chen has also provided information that may be quite helpful in assisting ALRs with meeting the booster vaccination deadline. Here is a comprehensive list of scheduled upcoming [COVID-19 mobile pop-up vaccination clinics | Mass.gov](#).

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

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