

# UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

In order to promote safe visitation in assisted living residences, EOEA and the DPH announced additional testing resources for ALRs to use with visitors. These tests are not intended to be used on staff or residents. The memorandum provides information on how to request and use iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests for those wishing to visit an ALR. This test received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) in December 2021.

If you would like to administer an iHealth test to a visitor and they agree to be tested, it would be administered on their arrival at the ALR, with results available in 15 minutes. ALRs do not need to report test results and do not require a CLIA certificate of waiver to administer this test. Further information about the proper use of these tests can be found on the package insert or on the manufacturer's website, <https://ihealthlabs.com/> and [on the FDA website](#).

Please note that distribution will be done only one time. **ALRs must complete this [survey](#) no later than April 15, 2022 to receive these tests** The number of tests an ALR may receive is based on the number of units operated by the ALR. Instructions on use, storage, expiration dates, handling test results, and specific details on how to request the tests can be found in the memorandum below.

Good afternoon,

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is pleased to offer additional visitor COVID testing resources to ALRs. Please review the [attached memorandum](#) from Secretary Chen which provides information on how to use and request iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests. Please note that the available tests will be for visitors only and will be in addition to and distinctly different from the BinaxNOW tests currently available to ALRs. Distribution will be one time and ALRs will be instructed to fill out a "survey" which will go to DPH noting the number of tests requested.

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

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