



Dear Members,

EOEA has issued two guidances within the past 24 hours. Please see below for details on each.

1. On Tuesday, September 6th, EOEA issued a guidance regarding the required reporting of COVID-19 and monkeypox among non-residents in assisted living residences. As exposure to these individuals can impact the health of assisted living residents, EOEA is requiring ALRs to report cases among employees, private caregivers, outside providers, and independent living residents. The online report form, which may be accessed [here](#), is to be utilized in reporting positive COVID-19 and monkeypox test results. This data must be submitted daily by 12:00 midnight in situations where positive cases have been confirmed and the ALR has not previously reported the case information using this form. Further details can be accessed here, in addition to the [PDF](#) version of the new online form.

2. Please see below for a message from Patricia Marchetti, EOEA:

Today, Wednesday, September 7th, the Executive Office of Elder Affairs filed emergency regulations for Assisted Living Residences to **extend the requirements for notification of closure from 90 days to 120 days** (see 651CMR 12.03(10)). This change is intended to provide residents with adequate time to locate alternate housing in the most appropriate setting.

These regulations take effect immediately. The regulations can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/news/assisted-living-residences-emergency-regulations-for-closure-notification>

We anticipate they will be published by the Secretary of State on Friday, September 16th and a hearing date for public comment will be likely set for mid to late October.

Do not hesitate to reach out with any questions by email to the ALR Help email which is included in this distribution.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,
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