

# UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) has issued a guidance today, January 3, 2023, which is also effective today, that integrates and replaces all previous EOEA COVID-19 guidances.

Please note that while the guidance document itself indicates in the introduction that **EOEA strongly recommends** that an ALR incorporate the practices described therein, it also includes a review of certain requirements or required actions for ALRs. The document should be read closely to identify those items required, as indicated by a reference to a regulation and/or the use of the term “must occur” or “be in place,” of which there are 18 in number. Those areas that indicate they are “recommendations” (where the term “should” is typically used) require that an ALR understand that, while such actions or items are not strictly required by EOEA, it is a strong statement indicating what EOEA considers an appropriate obligation, duty, or action for an ALR. Additionally, it is reasonable to expect that EOEA will use these recommendations to evaluate whether an ALR has an effective infection control plan as it relates to COVID-19 and is prepared to care for COVID-19-positive residents.

Along with many helpful hyperlinks to required and/or valuable resources, the guidance contains detailed information about the following:

- Infection control
- Screening
- PPE use
- Vaccines
- Testing and reporting requirements
- Outbreak management
- Staffing and training requirements

The full guidance may be accessed [here](#).

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

*\*The information provided in this COVID-19 update is solely for general informational purposes to assist in understanding the evolving guidance regarding the current COVID 19 public health threat. It is not intended to be a primary public health or medical resource but is provided as a clearinghouse for or compilation of various guidance issued by official and related sources.*

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