

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

EOEA has recently issued updates regarding the DPH Get Boosted Campaign, COVID-19 and booster statistics, and the regulatory requirements for ALRs to submit their Annual Aggregate Data and Financial Disclosure Statement. The details of each of these items are listed in bullet points below.

- The DPH’s [Get Boosted Campaign](#) has been extended through March 31, 2023, including the offer of a \$75.00 gift card to Massachusetts residents who get vaccinated at any of the special clinics during that timeframe. The importance of staff being up-to-date on their vaccines cannot be overstated, given the vulnerable population being served through the ALR industry. The participating clinic dates and links can be accessed [here](#).
- Please see below for results of a survey conducted by EOEA during the period of January 23 - 26, 2023.

% Vaccinated in ALRs*

	Residents		Staff	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Bivalent COVID-19 (Vaxed after 8/31/22)	77	85	33	45
Flu (Vaxed after 7/1/22)	82	85	57	58

*157/270 Responded to email survey conducted from Jan 23 – 26, 2023. Regulations do not require ALRs to keep updated resident records on vaccinations but do require a record of staff COVID-19 vaccinations.

- From January 24 - 30, 2023, 92 new resident cases of COVID-19 were reported in ALRs. This number represents the lowest number of new cases reported in a week since the week of November 8 - 14, 2022. Noting a similar trend among staff, new COVID-19 cases among ALR staff during that same week in January was 47, representing the lowest number of staff cases since the week of November 22 - 28, 2022.
- **Please note** that in reference to the required submissions highlighted below and according to the regulations, “Failure to timely submit each annual report will result in a finding of noncompliance at the next Certification review.”
- **Annual Aggregate Data Report (AADR):** In accordance with 651 CMR 12.04(13)(a) (2), an accurate report of 2022 information must be submitted to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) on or before March 1st. Included are two related PDFs: the [first includes instructions](#) for the data collection instrument and the second provides a [PDF version of the instrument](#).
 - To minimize the burden on ALRs, EOEA is collecting the data using an online instrument. ALRs can access the instrument on two different websites; the

information requested is identical, but one version allows respondents to complete instruments for multiple ALRs from the same Internet Protocol (IP) address.

- Respondents providing data for more than one ALR should use this [link](#); this version doesn't enable saving but does allow multiple instruments to be completed by someone using the same IP address. Respondents providing data for only one ALR should use this [link](#); this version automatically saves data and brings the respondent back to the same place if the instrument is closed (the data are linked to the IP address of the respondent).
- **Financial Disclosure Statement:** In accordance with 651 CMR 12.04(13)(a)(1), each Massachusetts assisted living residence (ALR) sponsor shall annually file a financial disclosure form with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA). **The form must be filed for each ALR within 90 days of the end of the ALR's fiscal year.** EOEA prescribes the [form](#). Please complete the form and then file (upload the form) using a web-based instrument ([link](#)).

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

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