



Dear Members,

This week the Department of Public Health (DPH) published an updated [guidance](#) for health care personnel with COVID-19 infection, exposure, or symptoms, which applies to Assisted Living Residences (ALRs).

Here is DPH's introductory message to the [guidance](#):

Dear Colleagues,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is reaching out to you as respiratory illness continues to circulate across the Commonwealth to share small updates to the Guidance for Health Care Personnel with SARS-CoV2 Infection or Exposure. This version clarifies that an isolating healthcare personnel (HCP) who had COVID-19 symptoms may return to work after 5 days have passed since symptom onset, assuming symptoms have substantially improved, including being fever-free, for 24 hours; and the HCP received a negative test (antigen) on Day 5 or later. Thank you for your continued support of your staff, residents and communities.

Sincerely,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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

This update is solely for general informational purposes. It is not intended to replace a full review of the cited regulations or guidance.

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