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Dear Members,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has released its 2025–2026 COVID-19 vaccine recommendations. The Executive Office of Aging & Independence (AGE) distributed this guidance from DPH. You can review the full guidance [here](#).

These recommendations were developed with input from scientists and physicians across the northeast and are aligned with the Northeast Public Health Collaborative, as well as major professional organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

*A few key points for providers to be aware of:*

- COVID-19 vaccines are available for purchase directly through suppliers.
- State-supplied vaccines for uninsured adults are not yet available through the CDC ordering system, but are expected to open in MIIS in the coming weeks. Shipments will follow once that ordering becomes active.
- In the meantime, COVID-19 vaccines can be accessed at retail pharmacies.

We encourage you to review the guidance in full and plan accordingly for your community.

*Below are the full messages from AGE and DPH:*

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Good afternoon, for your awareness and reference, we are sharing the 2025–2026 COVID-19 vaccine recommendations issued by the Department of Public Health (DPH) to long-term care providers, as these recommendations are also applicable to the aging population served in the assisted living residences. The full message sent from DPH is included below with additional information. Thank you for your attention and continued commitment in navigating the ongoing presence of COVID-19 in your communities.

Sincerely,

The Assisted Living Certification & Compliance Unit

**Executive Office of Aging & Independence**

**Your Partners in Aging.**

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Dear Provider,

Please see the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) 2025–2026 COVID-19 vaccine recommendations posted here: [mass.gov/VaccineGuidance](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dph-recommended-guidance-for-vaccines) (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dph-recommended-guidance-for-vaccines>).

DPH is committed to providing resourced, evidence-based recommendations to guide the use of vaccines to protect our communities. DPH conferred with scientists and physicians across the northeast region to collaboratively develop recommendations for the use of the 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccines.

The DPH 2025–2026 COVID-19 vaccine recommendations align with those of the [Northeast Public Health Collaborative](#) and leading physician professional organizations, including the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#), the [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists \(ACOG\)](#), and the [American Academy of Family Physicians \(AAFP\)](#).

COVID-19 vaccines are available for purchase through vaccine suppliers. Ordering for state-supplied vaccines for the pediatric population and uninsured adults (including those seen at public sites such as local health departments or community health centers) has not yet been turned on by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We expect that it will be turned on and become active in the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) in the coming week, with shipment starting to arrive in the coming week or weeks. Until shipments arrive, children 5 and older may receive a pediatric COVID vaccine in a retail pharmacy.

Sincerely,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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