

Dear Members.

The Executive Office of Aging & Independence (AGE) has updated COVID-19 reporting requirements for Assisted Living Residences, effective immediately. These changes are designed to streamline reporting while keeping AGE and local health officials informed of significant outbreaks.

Updated Requirements:

- ALRs must now submit a facility-wide (FW) incident report in Dynamics when three (3) or more residents test positive for COVID-19.
- After the initial report is submitted, no further case reporting to AGE is required during that outbreak.
- A new FW incident report must be submitted if **more than 28 days** have passed since the last positive case in the residence.

Please note that local Boards of Health (LBOH) may still require COVID-19 reporting to the Department of Public Health (DPH). We encourage you to confirm any additional requirements with your LBOH.

Please see their	full message be	elow:	

Good afternoon,

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Assisted Living Residences (ALRs) were required to report positive COVID-19 resident case individually through the electronic reporting system (Dynamics). To make the reporting of COVID-19 cases more efficient, while ensuring the process remains timely and appropriate, the Executive Office of Aging &Independence (AGE) is updating the reporting requirements, effective immediately.

Please follow the updated requirements below:

- ALRs must now submit a **facility-wide (FW) incident report** in Dynamics when **three (3) or more residents test positive** for COVID-19.
- After the initial report is submitted, no further case reporting to AGE is required during that outbreak.
- A new FW incident report must be submitted if more than 28 days have passed since the last positive case in the residence.

This streamlined approach reduces reporting steps while keeping AGE and local health officials informed of significant outbreaks. Please check with your Local Board of Health (LBOH) for any additional COVID-19 reporting requirements to the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and for the care you provide to residents across the Commonwealth.

I hope everyone enjoys the weekend.

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