



Dear Members,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has released statewide guidance regarding interactions with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents at multiple settings. This guidance outlines the rights, responsibilities, and staff preparation protocols required under Executive Order 650.

Please see the full communication from DPH below for details and resources.

Dear Colleagues,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is reaching out to all licensed health care organizations to inform you of statewide guidance [released today](#) by the Healey-Driscoll Administration regarding interactions with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents. This guidance was required under Executive Order 650, signed January 29, 2026 and is intended to help health care facilities and other organizations protect access to essential services, understand their rights and responsibilities, and prepare staff to respond appropriately if federal immigration officers arrive on site.

DPH is sharing this guidance to all licensed healthcare organizations to support consistent, lawful, and patient-centered implementation across the Commonwealth's health care system. Additional information including the attached guidance documents may be found at <https://www.mass.gov/protecting-people-from-ice>

Thank you,

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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