

# UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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## DPH Update on Visitation Guidelines

Dear Mass-ALA Members:

As part of a press conference last night, Massachusetts Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders previewed detailed Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) guidance to come, saying: **“All assisted living facilities, nursing facilities, and rest homes are to ban visitors to protect the health of residents and staff,” with exceptions for active end-of-life care.**

- [You can watch the Administration’s press conference and read more here](#)
- [Here is the Department of Public Health order previewing the EOEA guidance](#)

We anticipate that EOEA will publish new detailed guidelines around restricting visitors in assisted living, and we will share these with you as they are released.

As we await the detailed guidance, residences can review new recommendations for long-term care facilities around visitation released by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [Those recommendations are available here.](#)

Please email Mass-ALA with any immediate questions or concerns at [massala@mass-ala.org](mailto:massala@mass-ala.org).

*Mass-ALA will continue to keep you informed on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Stay tuned for more updates*

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