

# UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

Mass-ALA has received several inquiries from assisted living residences (ALRs) regarding long-term care surveillance testing for COVID-19. This [memorandum](#) provided required testing and related surveillance procedures for long-term care facilities licensed by the Department of Public Health and recommended procedures and processes for ALRs. Based on our communications with members, we learned that some have consulted with their attorneys regarding legal ramifications, others have connected with infection control specialists, epidemiologists and others with operational experience with infection control in order to understand the recommendations and how they might impact their residence. We advise members to read the guidance accordingly and if you have questions you should consult your advisers in order to evaluate your approach to the issues involved.

*\*The information provided in this COVID 19 update is solely for general informational purposes to assist in understanding the evolving guidance regarding the current COVID 19 public health threat. It is not intended to be a primary public health or medical resource, but is provided as a clearinghouse for or compilation of various guidance issued by official and related sources.*

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