

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

As part of our ongoing dialogue with you and the subsequent relay of important information and concerns to EOEA and other state officials, Mass-ALA has worked diligently to advocate for our members regarding improved reopening policies. While you have exercised flexibility, commitment, and resolve in keeping your communities as safe as possible for your residents and staff, we have worked behind the scenes to provide support and assistance toward that end. We are pleased to provide you with information that we hope will come as good news for your communities as the state makes progress in their re-opening plan.

Mass-ALA anticipates a guidance to be issued by EOEA and EOHHS within the next day that will allow, subject to certain conditions, outdoor congregate activities, communal dining, a required minimum of 30 minutes for outdoor visitation time, the inclusion of indoor visitation only in the resident's unit, and the re-opening of hair salons. Mass-ALA is grateful to EOEA and EOHHS for not only soliciting our input, but for truly listening to our expressed concerns and for providing new, more flexible guidelines in the operation of assisted living residences as we move forward in the pandemic.

Please contact us if you have any questions at, MassALA@mass-ala.org

**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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