

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

There are two recent announcements from the Department of Public Health regarding issues that are important and relevant to assisted living residences.

The first has to do with data collection through the REDCap reporting portal, which has experienced connectivity issues, prompting the extension of the deadline to report historical data to **August 10th at 11:59 p.m.** Please utilize this link in order to sign up if you have not done so already. **Link updated July 29, 2020:**
<https://redcap.link/Chapter93ElderFacilitiesV2>

The connectivity issues are due to the high volume of respondents submitting their reports. If your connection gets terminated or timed out when attempting to access the REDCap page, please make further attempts as the problem seems to resolve itself within a few moments. You may also wish to take the following steps to establish a connection:

- Refresh your browser window
- Close and re-open your browser
- Clear your browser's cache
- Restart the system

While not guaranteed to be effective, these measures have been shown to occasionally speed up the process of establishing a connection.

The second announcement is relative to some of the procedures that have been allowed under the Skilled Care Flexibilities afforded to assisted living residences in light of the pandemic and State of Emergency in MA. The memorandum recently issued by the DPH addresses aerosol generating procedures and recommended PPE. Please utilize this [link in order to access the memorandum.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact us at Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org

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