

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

On October 19th, Mass-ALA sent an update regarding the partnership established between the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services and pharmacies CVS and Walgreens to manage COVID-19 vaccinations, free of charge, for residents in long-term care settings, including assisted living residences. The deadline to opt-in to HHS' pharmacy partnership program has been extended to Friday, November 6th. Please see below for a message from Argentum announcing the extension.



To: Argentum Owner/Operator Member CEOs, Argentum Industry Partner Member CEOs, Argentum Board of Directors, Argentum State Partners

From: James Balda, Argentum President & CEO

Re: UPDATE: Vaccine Program Sign-Up Extended to November 6

The program, announced Oct. 16 by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense, will enable long-term care residents and staff members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 free of charge to them when a vaccine becomes available. As of Friday, more than 9,000 long-term care providers had signed up for the program, according to HHS. More information on the program can be found here.

Additional updated information about the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program, including a program overview, can be found [here](#) and FAQs [here](#).

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

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