

# UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

Mass-ALA successfully advocated against three amendments to the state budget, which would have been very burdensome to assisted living providers. A summary of these amendments is as follows:

- An amendment to the Senate budget would have rescinded the COVID-19 civil liability protection for assisted living, which was adopted this spring after being strongly supported by Mass-ALA. Here is the [update](#) we sent in April on COVID-19 liability protection being signed into law.
- The other proposal, presented as an amendment to both the House and Senate budgets, would have allowed for extended absences from work for assisted living staff without specifying the need for any medical documentation of the reason for the absence. This would have prevented recruitment for such positions and permit only temporarily filling of such positions.

We wanted you to be aware of our current legislative efforts. Opposition, such as that raised by Mass-ALA was critical to the defeat of all three amendments. We will continue to monitor the budget and other legislative processes to protect your interests during this challenging time.

Thanks to your continued membership in Mass-ALA, we are pleased to provide this good news on successful legislative outcomes.

Brian Doherty  
President and CEO

*For the latest COVID-19 updates, visit <https://www.mass-ala.org/about/helpful-resources/covid-19/>*

***If you have any questions, please contact us at [Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org](mailto:Mass-ALA@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.*

---

**MASS-ALA | [Website](#)**

