

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

Mass-ALA sent [updates](#) and reminders over the past month regarding registration for the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program. The program was 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 and staff in long-term care settings, including assisted living residences. Please see below for a message from EOEA announcing that ALRs who did not register by the November 6th deadline will be registered by DPH to help ensure assisted living residents and staff have timely access to COVID-19 vaccine delivery.

To all Assisted Living Residences:

****If you have already enrolled with the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program with CVS & Walgreens for COVID-19 vaccination via NHSN, please disregard this message.****

As part of MA COVID-19 vaccination efforts, it is the Department of Public Health's goal to have all long term care facilities and assisted living residences enrolled in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program to ensure all LTC facilities and ALRs have timely access to COVID-19 vaccinations.

For those facilities that have not registered by the deadline, **DPH will register you on Friday, November 20th**, with your facility randomly assigned to either Walgreens or CVS as your pharmacy partner.

If you have not registered but would like to opt-out of the program rather than be registered by DPH, please email DPH.BHCSQ@Mass.gov **before 2pm on Friday, November 20th**.

If your facility registered by the deadline, but has either “opted out” or was “unable to match” a pharmacy due to indicated LTC or ALR pharmacy preferences, DPH will be reaching out to confirm your alternative plan.

Thank you,

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