

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



Stay informed. Take precautions. Stay safe.

Dear Members,

Due to our state experiencing the second surge of the COVID-19 pandemic, EOEa will require daily reporting of all non-resident positive reports of the virus, as confirmed by testing, effective December 7, 2020. "Non-resident" is defined as follows:

- Employee
- Outside Provider
- Private Caregiver
- IL Resident

Please see the letter below for further details and a link to access the report form that is to be used to submit this daily report.



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To: Skilled Nursing Facilities, Rest Homes, Assisted Living Residences
From: Kevin Cranston, MDiv, Director, BIDLS
Elizabeth Daake Kelley, MPH, MBA, BHCSQ
Date: November 23, 2020
RE: Updates to Long-Term Care Surveillance Testing

Thank you for your ongoing patience and diligence with providing timely and accurate information regarding both Resident and Non-Resident COVID-19 status updates. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is experiencing the second surge of COVID-19 and therefore, **effective December 7, 2020, we are requiring that the Non-Resident Positive Reports of COVID-19 be submitted daily.** A new survey link (see below) has been created to submit the daily reports.

We are still requesting that only positive cases confirmed by testing be submitted; we are asking that you log-in to the survey daily to report the number of new positive Non-Resident cases.

Starting Monday, December 7, 2020, we ask that you utilize the link provided below to provide future daily updates:

[ALR Non-Resident COVID-19 Daily Data Report Form](https://app.keysurvey.com/f/41535389/a1fc/)

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Please direct any questions to ALRhelp@mass.gov.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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