

## House Bill 1218 Rule Updates: ALF Q&A Session September 9, 2025

Question #1	<b>Will you be sending out a link to the slide show and how presentation?</b>
Answer #1	Access a PDF of slides on the RCS Active Rulemaking Webpage: <a href="#">Disaster Preparedness Rulemaking- Project 2   DSHS</a> .
Question #2	<b>When will these changes implemented?</b>
Answer #2	These rules went into effect on September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025.
Question #3	<b>What type of phones must be made available ? Do they require privacy?</b>
Answer #3	Privacy is required, that is not new. WAC does not specify what “type” of phone. WAC 388-78A-2930 (2) The assisted living facility must provide one or more nonpay telephones:... (b) On the premises with reasonable access and privacy by residents. (c) Accessible for resident use 24/7.
Question #4	<b>Is that just having a phone in the community? Or individual phone in the room?</b>
Answer #4	388-78A-2930 states it must be non-paid. There is no requirement in WAC that it be in the room.
Question #5	<b>Do these rules also apply to Supported Living facilities?</b>
Answer #5	This rule filing does not apply to supported living facilities. These rules, filed as WSR <a href="#">25-16-099</a> , apply to Nursing Homes, Adult Family Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, and Enhanced Services Facilities.
Question #6	<b>Does the vendor list have to be posted or just readily available for staff?</b>
Answer #6	WAC 388-78A-2610 does not require the (PPE) vendor list to be posted.
Question #7	<b>Regarding the PPE, is it sufficient to have the PPE stored off site but always accessible to the community?</b>

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Answer #7	WAC 388-78-A-2610 requires the facility “maintain and provide... supplies, and personal protective equipment for preventing and controlling the spread of infections by... ordering supplies when necessary...”. Facilities must be able to access adequate supplies onsite to meet infection control standards and needs. The facility may store extra supplies offsite.
Question #8	<b>Will the recording be available if facility's missed this training?</b>
Answer #8	The slides will be available on the rulemaking webpage for 30 days. If a facility misses the opportunity to review these slides, they may contact <a href="mailto:Rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov">Rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov</a> and request a copy of the slides. The question-and-answer document from these forums will remain posted on the provider pages of each facility type for the foreseeable future.