

ENGLISH AT LARGE

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Statement on Spread of COVID-19

Dear Volunteers,

We have heard from a few of you with questions and concerns from your learners in regard to the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. I hope this message provides you with the information you need to educate our learners and continue to lead EAL Programs with confidence.

English At Large Programs will continue unless a public health mandate demands otherwise.

The risk of Coronavirus in Massachusetts remains low, but the flu is very prevalent, so it makes sense to take precautions to prevent the spread of germs.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health advises the following:

- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or in arm or elbow; wash hands immediately if used to cover nose or mouth, and after blowing nose
- Stay home if sick

[Here is a flyer you can share with your learners if you think it will be helpful.](#)

Other suggestions specific for English At Large programs:

- Refrain from shaking hands or sharing writing utensils (have each person bring their own)
- Clean meeting and program space with disinfectant
- Stay home if you live with someone who is sick
- Self-quarantine if you have traveled

Please contact EAL Staff if you feel you need support in enacting any precautions with your learners.

Here are the answers to some **Frequently Asked Questions** from the DPH website, as another resource to help educate your learners.

We understand that this can be a frightening and confusing time for many people. We want our volunteers and our learners to know that if they choose not to attend programs out of an abundance of caution, we will respect and support their decision.

Please let feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or specific concerns.

Best regards,
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