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Greetings!

This week EAL staff returned to the office for the first time in 3 months. To keep everyone safe, we are following the Mandatory Safety Guidelines provided by the State of Massachusetts under COVID-19, including vigilant hygiene, disinfecting, and social distancing protocols. For the health and safety of all, the office is closed to drop-in visitors until further notice. To speak with staff, please call us at 781-395-2374.

We are working hard to deliver on our mission! Our online Summer Conversation Groups are fully enrolled, with 11 groups serving 110 learners; group waitlists are full as well. Thanks to the dedication and flexibility of our volunteers, we are able to offer the same level of service to our group learners as past summers, with more groups meeting in the evening to accommodate work and family schedules.

While almost half of our tutoring learners have continued their sessions online, our thoughts are with those low-level learners who had to leave the program, due to changes in their lives impacted by COVID-19. To date, the <u>EAL CARES Project</u> has provided 28 learners with the materials and support they need to continue to build their English skills. Special thanks to the <u>Tufts Community Grants Program</u> for its leadership gift, and to our community for its generous support.

I hope you continue to be healthy and connected to your loved ones as we move forward slowly in these very uncertain times. Enjoy the summer!

Thank you for your continued interest in English At Large.

Best regards, Maureen ed@englishatlarge.org

Maureen Willis, Executive Director



EAL Program Update

For the health and safety of our volunteers and learners, EAL is temporarily reallocating our resources to deliver all programs online through December 31, 2020 or until Massachusetts reaches PHASE

4 of the re-opening plan set forth by the Baker Administration.

Tutor/Learner matches will resume in the Fall of 2020.

A Special Message from English At Large

We are grateful to those working selflessly to protect and care for the most vulnerable in our communities.

We are thankful to the front line, essential workers who help us get through each day.

We admire and stand with those who take action to affirm the rights of others.

We are inspired by the perseverance and dedication of our learners and volunteers.

We are grateful for the continued support of our English At Large community.





