



# SELA Early Global COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

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As you know SELA serves students under the age of 12 who are currently not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, SELA has implemented a multi-layered prevention strategy to protect our students, teachers, staff, visitors, and other members of their households in order to support in-person learning. This prevention strategy includes, Vaccination Promotion, Mask Usage, Physical distancing, COVID-19 Screening Strategies, Ventilation, Hand Hygiene, Staying home when Sick and Cleaning and Disinfection protocols.

## 1. Vaccination Promotion

- SELA promotes the efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccination among all eligible students, teachers, staff, and household members as an important strategy for our community to safely resume full operations.
- SELA now requires that all staff be fully vaccinated.
- SELA teachers are 100% vaccinated

## 2. Mask Usage

- SELA will encourage students ages 2 and up to wear a mask with parental consent.
- To ensure that each student has a clean and effective mask while in school, SELA will provide clean cloth masks to each student that will be washed daily. However, families do have the option to purchase their own disposable masks to be kept at the school.
- In accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, the governing body for the SELA Early Global program, fully vaccinated staff will not be required to wear a mask while inside the school. Our teachers are 100% vaccinated, and we now have the ability of on-site testing to quickly identify, isolate and test any symptomatic individuals. Any staff members who wish to wear a mask while at school will be supported in this choice and provided with a mask to use.

## 3. COVID-19 Screening Strategies

- Staff and Students will complete a Self Screening form everyday in an effort to prevent ill persons from entering the building.
- Staff and Students will not be permitted to enter the building if the screening is not complete.
- New this year, SELA Health Department is now working with CIC Health through the Massachusetts Department of Education in a statewide no-cost COVID-19 testing program.
- The CIC testing program will be used as a screening tool and as a diagnostic test in the school setting as an additional mitigation strategy available to us against COVID-19.

## 4. Ventilation

- Classrooms and common areas will be equipped with air purifiers.
- Open air ventilation will be encouraged whenever possible.
- Teachers are encouraged to bring their students outside for class as much as possible weather permitted.



## 5. Hand Hygiene

- Staff and students will be given instruction on how to properly wash hands.
- Staff and students are to perform proper hand hygiene frequently throughout the day.
- Hand hygiene stations are accessible to all staff and students.
- Staff will remind and reinforce proper handwashing with their students.
- If handwashing is not possible, hand sanitizer, provided by SELA, containing at least 60% alcohol will be offered to students over age 2 who have parental consent.

## 6. Staying home when sick

- Student and Staff Daily Self Screening will serve as a constant reminder of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 to ensure all persons entering the program space are concretely aware of their health status.
- Students and staff who have symptoms of any infectious illness, will stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care, regardless of vaccination status.
- School nurses will follow up with staff and/or students to ensure that they are well and ready to attend school/work.

## 7. Cleaning and Disinfection

- SELA employs a full time cleaning person to ensure all surfaces, including indoors, outdoors and all common areas are cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Professional deep cleaning & sanitization will be done every night.
- All classrooms are equipped with 3 child setting approved cleaning solutions to be used as needed. 1. Soap and water, 2. Disinfecting Solution and 3. Sanitizing Solution.
- If a sick person is identified in the school, any surface area that sick individuals have come into contact with will be immediately cleaned and disinfected.

## 8. Physical Distancing

- SELA will continue to encourage students ages 2 and up that are unmasked to maintain social distancing as much as possible.