



SELA Early Global COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

As you know SELA serves students under the age of 12 who are currently not eligible for vaccination currently. Therefore, SELA has implemented a multi-layered prevention strategy to protect our students, teachers, staff, visitors, and other members of their households 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 staff to be fully vaccinated.
- SELA teachers are 100% vaccinated.

2. Mask Usage

- SELA will strongly encourage Early Global students ages 2-4 to wear a mask while indoors with parental consent.
- Masks will be required to be worn indoors for all Early Global students ages 5 and up.
- 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 (EEC), the governing body for the Early Global program, SELA will require that all staff members wear a mask while indoors regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks will not be worn while outside.

3. COVID-19 Screening Strategies

- Staff and students will complete a self-screening form every day 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 working with CIC health through the Massachusetts Department of Education in a state-wide 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 instructions on how to properly wash their hands.
- Staff and students will perform hand hygiene frequently throughout the day.
- Hand hygiene stations are accessible to all staff and students.
- Staff will remind and reinforce proper hand washing 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 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 full time cleaning personnel to ensure all surfaces, including indoors, outdoors and all common areas are cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- Professional deep cleaning and 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. Sanitizing Solution and 3. Disinfecting Solution.
- If a sick person is identified in the school, any surface area that sick individual has 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.

