

## **Support for English Learner Education Students amid school closures and remote learning plan due to COVID-19:**

Massachusetts Department of Education (DESE) has issued the following guidance on the requirements surrounding English learner student support services, as well as other pertinent resources for school districts and families.

Please understand that the structure and schedule of ELE services may look different from what the school typically offers when meeting in person. Because of this, equitable access will be the focal point in delivering remote learning enrichment for ELs. EL staff will continue to collaborate with classroom teachers to ensure that remote learning enrichment content and delivery are accessible for ELs at their current level of English proficiency.

DESE Guidance on Remote Learning for English Learners

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/ele-remote-learning-guidance.docx>

DESE Guidance also includes a set of recommended strategies and resources to help educators continue to provide ELE services and a list of online learning opportunities to keep English learners engaged while they learn remotely during this period of school closures, Resources for English Learners

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/ele-meeting-needs.docx>

DESE Guidance on the provisional identification and placement of English learners while continuity of education services are being provided remotely and face-to-face screening is not possible <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/ele-id-placement-guidance.docx>

The English Learner Education (ELE) Department continues to work in partnerships with families to find ways to support students that will differ from traditional classroom interactions. The ELE department continues to focus on the holistic needs of our learners and families by 1) maintaining connections between school staff and students, and families, 2) providing equitable access to all remote learning enrichment activities, and 3) promoting the safety and well-being of students and our families. Nothing can replace the in-person schooling experience so please reach out for any support that is needed for your child and/or your family.

Please let us know if we can assist in any way by sending an email to the Director of English Learner Education, Carla Bruzzese [cbuzzese@arlington.k12.ma.us](mailto:cbuzzese@arlington.k12.ma.us) or to your child's ELL teacher

[http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/departments/English Language Learners/staffdirectory.asp](http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/departments/English_Language_Learners/staffdirectory.asp)

Families in need of translation should contact, Hilary Dawson at [hdawson@arlington.k12.ma.us](mailto:hdawson@arlington.k12.ma.us)