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## All LVM In-Person Activities Suspended Through December 31, 2020

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### **All LVM In-Person Activities Remain Suspended Thru December 31, 2020**

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Dear LVM Community,

We hope that you, your student and your families are continuing to stay healthy and safe.

We are writing to update you on LVM's policy regarding re-opening services.

Our overriding concern is to protect the well-being of our students, volunteers and staff. As important as tutoring is, we must make decisions that consider everyone's safety, and our collective responsibility to help contain the virus and its threat to public health.

Phase III of Governor Baker's re-opening plan has met with controversy, especially around public school openings. By necessity, Phase III still includes restrictions that would make in-person tutoring difficult and not as safe as we want it to be: face masks, social distancing, capacity limits on public space, especially the public libraries where most of our students and tutors meet, the need to regularly disinfect common areas, and avoiding sharing materials.

**After careful consideration of all available information, LVM is extending its suspended of all in-person activities (e.g., tutoring, social meetings, group meetings, group instruction or gatherings of any kind) through at least December 31, 2020 at which time we will re-evaluate the COVID-19 situation.**

**We have notified the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that we have suspended all in-person activities through at least December 31 and will be providing remote tutoring services.**

Some people have asked why we are still prohibiting in-person activities when some schools and public facilities are re-opening to various degrees. There is still much about the virus that is not understood, and the full impact of the re-opening is still not known. In areas where businesses, public schools and universities have re-opened, there has been a resurgence in the virus and those areas have gone back to re-imposing restrictions. We believe that the risk is too great and that it would be more disruptive to re-open and then need to close down again.

We understand that not tutoring in-person is a real personal loss for many of you and, at best, is a significant change. We are delighted to see so many hundreds of our tutors tutoring remotely, embracing new teaching methods that they've never done before, having fun, and letting their students see them learn new skills.

As we have experienced this new situation together, we have learned from each other, from our tutors and from our students. We are grateful to everyone for being open to dealing with these challenges.

**If you have not yet transitioned to tutoring remotely, we urge you to do so. If you are tutoring remotely now, we encourage you to continue, and we extend our appreciation for your jumping in full force.** Every LVM program coordinator is doing their utmost to support you individually, through Zoom workshops and tutor chats, and to identify the best instructional resources and online tools for you to use. They are reaching out to you in many ways and always want to hear from you if you have a suggestion or need assistance.

**Please remember that tutoring remotely does not mean only using Zoom and online software.** Many of the LVM tutors are using the mail, telephone, email and texting as their instructional vehicles whether or not they are also using other online tools.

**Please also remember that, during this time, you are an essential connection for your student who may be more fearful and feel more isolated.** Navigating this crisis is an ordeal for all of us, and it is much worse for our students. If you are not able to tutor right now, please do your best to stay in touch with your student regularly and ask how they are doing.

**As always, thank you for all that you do to tutor and support your student. We deeply appreciate your dedication, compassion and generous spirit, especially during these difficult times.**

Please be well and stay safe,



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## Resources

Health care, food insecurity, utility bills, COVID-19 information, unemployment:

[LVM COVID-19 Update #1 with list of resources](#)

**Unemployment expansion, eviction moratorium, avoiding scams:**

[LVM COVID-19 Update #2 with list of resources](#)

**Multi-lingual resources:**

<https://www.miracoalition.org/resources/covid19/>

**Extensive list of resources:**

<https://www.boston.com/culture/local-news/2020/03/17/how-to-find-help-access-resources-impacted-by-coronavirus>

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