

School's out

RESOURCES FOR ONLINE LEARNING



Handling a wide range of conversations involving coronavirus (COVID-19) and overall health concerns in your schools and communities can be difficult, especially when trying to parse fact from fiction. If you're looking for reliable content to share with your members on the prevention of coronavirus, or dealing with anxiety surrounding the virus, we've compiled some helpful information from leading health authorities. We have also included information about tools you can use to continue building a connected learning community.

We've gathered information to help your Facebook community respond to coronavirus (COVID-19).

The CDC is helping schools and universities plan, prepare, and respond to coronavirus.

[Resources for K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs](#)

[Resources for Institutes of Higher Education](#)

Student food insecurity is a worldwide challenge that is even more of a concern when schools are closed. If your school's students or families are looking for more information on local resources such as religious institutions and food banks, students and families can call 211 or go to [211.org](https://www.211.org).

School Facebook Page and Instagram account

Find or start a Facebook Group to connect with your community, collaborate digitally, or keep your community informed by updating your school's [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram account](#) with the latest information, including status changes of campus availability hours.



Share credible, reliable information

Educator and Parent Facebook Groups

Find or start a Facebook Group to connect with your community, collaborate digitally, or discuss and share ways to support fellow educators and parents. Get started and learn more about creating a [Facebook Group](#). If you have a series of information or resources to share, create a unit in your group to easily find materials. We recommend sharing links to the [World Health Organization](#).

Stay connected and support your community



Facebook Live

Facebook Live enables you to be part of what's happening around the world in real-time, no matter where you are. If your school can't meet in person, you can use Facebook Live to host online events and stay connected. Go live from the Facebook app on your phone to broadcast a live discussion, office hours or a school leader's Q&A. For higher quality broadcasts, you can also use a camera and [streaming software](#) on Facebook Live. Broadcast your sports events on Facebook Live so fans who can't attend in person can watch from anywhere. Learn more about [how to go live on Facebook](#).



Instagram

To connect with others in your community at this time, you can use [Stories](#), [Feed](#), [Live](#), [IGTV](#) or [Direct](#), on Instagram. We also offer more information on how to share safely on Instagram at parents.instagram.com.



Messenger

As more and more schools are asked to transition to a work from home model, and for many, the bulk of conversations and collaborations are now taking place online, Messenger can help you stay connected with your community even when you can't be together in person. Make 1:1 and group voice and video calls with coworkers, teachers, school administrators and parents to communicate updates or check in on each other. You can add up to 8 people in group audio and video calls. You can also use Messenger to start a group chat with each other and designate a group admin, as well as transfer files by tapping on the paper clip. [Learn more about Messenger](#).

Messenger Kids



Messenger Kids is an app designed to allow kids ages 6 to 12 to have fun video chatting and messaging with friends and family in a parentally-controlled environment. If school is closed, Messenger Kids is a way to continue the social interactions the students might have at school in a space made for kids and controlled by parents. Set up a digital get-together or homework session, where kids can use fun filters, stickers, GIFs, and sound effects to express themselves, empowering them to stay engaged and connected. There aren't any in-app purchases or ads, and parents must log in to their own Facebook account in order to create their child's account. While kids use Messenger Kids, parents can connect with them using their Messenger app. [Learn more about Messenger Kids.](#)

Workplace



Technology can help minimize disruption to operations by keeping staff members connected, regardless of where they're working. With features like [groups](#) to provide a single source for daily updates and safety recommendations, marking as important to send high-signal updates to reach everyone effectively, going [live](#) via video to make communication more engaging, or [Safety Check](#) to quickly acknowledge the well being of your staff, schools use [Workplace](#) to increase communication and collaboration in their learning community. [Check out how Miami Dade County Public Schools staff members communicate and collaborate across their learning community.](#)

WhatsApp



WhatsApp helps you connect with those who matter most, reliably and securely. Whether you teach at a school or university, you can use WhatsApp to engage with your students or their parents securely through chat, voice and video calls. [Learn how to connect with your students on WhatsApp.](#)

Stay safe and informed

Town Hall

Find, follow and contact your elected officials and government services on [Town Hall](#).

Facebook Newsroom

For more information on efforts across the Facebook company to keep people safe and informed, check out this [Newsroom blog](#).



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