



Maryland Education Coalition (MEC)

Covaid-19 News, Information, Resources



The [Maryland Education Coalition](#) (MEC), our [member organizations](#), many staff or members have been working regularly with various local, state and national government agencies, other organizations and community members to provide a wide range of information and resources within the Maryland public school community. We urge all of our members, partners, friends and community members to **remain Smart, Safe and Healthy by practicing Physical Separation and Social Engagement.**

Below, you will find a summary of some of them, with links to additional information.

FEDERAL NEWS AND RESOURCES

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) – Prevention/Protection, Home Care, Stress/Coping
- [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#) – Health Information, Research
- [White House](#) – News, Guidelines, Symptoms, Social Distancing, FAQ
 - Resources for: Travelers, Households, Children, Sick People, Businesses, Schools, Health Professionals
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) – Responses, Rumor Control
- [Overview of Federal COVID-19 Assistance for Maryland](#)

MARYLAND INFORMATION & RESOURCES

- [Maryland \(COVID-19\) Website](#)
- [Click here for Emergency Orders and Legal Guidance.](#)
- [Click here to visit Maryland Unites and access an A-to-Z Resource Guide.](#)
- [Click here for resources for the Deaf and hard of hearing community.](#)
- [Haga clic aquí para obtener recursos de coronavirus en español.](#)
- [Click here for COVID-19 information from the Maryland Department of Health.](#)
- **NEW:** [Best Practices for the Use of Digital Devices](#) (For Students/Parents and Educators)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

- [Teacher Resources](#)
- [Overall Planning and Guidance Documents](#)
- COVID-19 Educational Resources For Educators - [Curriculum Resource](#)
- National Education Association - [Schools and Coronavirus: What You Should Know](#)
- American Federation of Teachers - [COVID-19: Information for educators and school support staff](#)

MSDE NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION TECHNICAL BULLETINS

- [20-01 - Serving Children with Disabilities under IDEA during School Closures due to the Covid-19 Pandemic - NEW](#)
- [20-02 - Providing Continuity of Learning to Students with Disabilities Through Nonpublic Special Education Schools during COVID-19- NEW](#)
- **NEW** - [Special Education and Your Child with an IEP During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Brief Guide for Parents](#) (Brief Guide for Parents #1)
- **NEW** - [IEP Modification/Amendment or Individualized Continuity of Learning Plans: Preserving The Rights You and Your Child Have Under the Law](#) (Brief Guide for Parents #2)

NEW - FY 2020 & 2021 [STATE AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS](#) (Statewide & Each Local Jurisdiction)

[COVID-19 Resources for Maryland Schools](#) (General Information)

- **Guidance, Resources and Updates for Maryland Schools and Communities**

Multiple state agencies are collaborating on and are committed to the health and safety of students and staff in the school setting. We are working collaboratively with the Governor's Office, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and all other relevant State agencies on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Maryland State Department of Education will remain vigilant in providing all information regarding the virus as it pertains to the health and safety of students and staff in our schools.

[CLICK HERE](#) regularly for updates.

- [Updates from the State Superintendent](#)
- [Updates on School Closure](#)
- [School Meal Site Locator](#)
- [\(Federal\) Waivers](#)
- [Press Releases](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

STUDENT PRIVACY POLICY - FERPA and Virtual Learning Related Resources - As educators and students move to virtual learning during this time of social distancing due to COVID19, the Student Privacy Policy Office (SPPO) has received questions about available resources on [virtual learning and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#). [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

INFORMATION & RESOURCES FOR PARENTS/COMMUNITIES

- [School Meal Site Locator](#)
- [Maryland School District Continuity of Learning Plans](#) (Districts)
- [Links to Maryland City/County Public School Websites](#)
- [Parent Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Resources for Families](#)
- [COVID-19 Educational Resources - Bridging the Digital Divide](#)

Several internet providers are offering FREE or Low Cost internet and Wi-Fi access to homes with K-12 or college students to help with distance learning. They are also waiving late fees and service shut-offs to customers experiencing who are unable to pay their bills due to the impact of the virus.

- [Comcast/Xfinity](#)
- [Verizon](#)
- ["At-Home Learning" initiative on Maryland Public Television - \(MPT\), WETA, and Howard University Television \(WHUT\)](#)
- [Professional Development for Parents](#)
 - How parents can homeschool their kids during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Homeschooling Hints: During COVID – 19 School Closures (PDF)
 - Amazing Educational Resources
- [National PTA COVID-19 Resources for Families](#)
 - SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
 - LEARNING AT HOME
 - HEALTHY HABITS
 - [Tackling COVID-19 Anxiety Together](#)