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COVID-19 is currently affecting our school systems in major ways. This page has and will continue to be updated with various resources and tools schools and families can use during this time.

Cleaning Devices

One of the frequent questions we get is, how do I clean my electronics. We have put together a compilation of recommendations here:

<https://confluence.remc1.net/display/PS/Cleaning+and+Disinfecting+Devices+and+Peripherals>

Guides for Schools

A number of resources have been created with useful information for schools to know regarding the virus. Below are some of these resources:

- **Planning Guides**
 - [Return 2 Learning Toolkit for Teachers \(offered by the REMC Association of Michigan\)](#)
 - [Creating a Virtual Learning Classroom Recommendations](#)
 - [Priority Planning for Coloma Technical Support Team for COVID-19](#)
 - [School Closure Planning Document](#)
 - [CDC Guidance for Child Care Programs, K-12 Schools, and Colleges](#)
 - [School Resources on COVID-19 \(videos for students on mask-wearing, handwashing, and what to do when feeling sick\)](#)

Remote Learning Resources

REMC1 has a number of resources available for students and teachers. Below are various links regarding these resources, how to use them, and how to make the most of them.

Remote Learning Strategies

- [A Simple 4-step Approach for Getting Started by REMC1](#)
- [Extending Your Classroom to the Cloud by the REMC Association](#)
- [Online Learning Tips by Jason Gregersen \(Senior Lecturer at MTU's Math Department\)](#)

Online learning

- **Google Classroom**
 - [EduPaths–Introduction to Google Classroom \(30-minute training video\)](#) (Click the link and then search for Introduction to Google Classroom version 2)
 - [Making the Most of Your Google Classroom \(by REMC\)\(self-paced training\)](#)
 - [Google Teacher Center](#)
 - [Anywhere School 2020](#)
 - [Using Google Meet in Google Classroom](#)
 - [Support Info](#)
 - [Videos and articles on this new integration by Eric Curts](#)
- **Moodle**
 - [REMC1 Guide](#)
 - [Teacher Quick Guide](#)
 - [Moodle Resources](#)
 - [Getting Started Videos](#) by REMC1 (Accessing, structuring course, adding content and enrolling students) or [view at MiStreamnet](#)

- **SeeSaw (popular for the elementary grade level)**

- They offer both a free and premium version. Learn more at <https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/206381415-How-much-does-Seesaw-cost->
- [Getting Started Resources](#)
- [Learning Activities](#)
- [EduPaths—A Student-Driven Portfolio Tool](#) (45-minute training video)

Parent Resources

- **Articles Written by Local Educators**

- [Looking at the Big Picture...](#) (by Micah Stipech, Houghton Elementary School Counselor)
- [Growth Mindset](#) (by Micah Stipech, Houghton Elementary School Counselor)
- [Structuring Your Day for Optimal Learning](#) (by Janel Summer, CCISD Autism Consultant)

- **Videos Created by Local Educators**

- [Growth Mindset Video](#) (by Lynnette Borree, CCISD School Psychologist)
- [Parenting "Quarteens" Video](#) (by Sierra Bishop, CCSD MTSS Specialist)

- **Technology Resources**

- [Digital resources to help support your child's learning from home](#)
- [Google Anywhere School 2020](#)

Video Conference Options

Google Meet

- Google Hangouts Meet, known simply as Meet, is a video conferencing service provided by Google. You can use this to hold real-time meetings and can easily create and invite people to meetings from Google Calendar. We have also added the recording functionality to Google Meet for staff accounts - you can now record meetings and share them with your students.
- [Google Teacher Center Meet Resources](#) (Collection of resources on how to best use Meet for teachers)
- [Getting Started with Google Meet Video](#) by REMC1 (how to access, information on FERPA, etc.)
- [Google Meet Features and Tips for Success](#)
- [Using a mobile device as an extra camera to capture handwriting](#) by REMC1
- [Video on using Google Meet Basics Including Premium Features](#) by Kyle Pace
- [Information on how Google handles Privacy and Security \(FERPA, COPPA, etc.\)](#)
- [Additional Google Meet Resources](#)
- [G Suite Learning Center—Google Meet Help and Support](#)
- [Using Google Meet in Google Classroom](#)
 - [Support Info](#)
 - [Videos and articles on this new integration](#) by Eric Curts

Zoom

- [Guide to Zoom](#)
- [Zoom FERPA Info](#)
- [Security Concerns](#)
 - Collection of articles on this topic: <https://wakelet.com/wake/eeb62d68-5520-4594-a26d-6e6403e53359>
 - <https://www.npr.org/2020/04/03/826129520/a-must-for-millions-zoom-has-a-dark-side-and-an-fbi-warning>

[Thoughts on Video Conference Options by Troy Patterson](#)

Audio Recording Options (great for creating read aloud)

<https://vocaroo.com/>

<https://online-voice-recorder.com/>

<https://www.soundtrap.com/edu/>

iPhone/iPad: Voice Memos (already installed as it's part of the iOS): Learn more at <https://osxdaily.com/2016/05/04/record-audio-iphone-voice-memos/>

**If you need to convert your file to an mp3, <https://www.zamzar.com/convert/m4a-to-mp3/> works well!

Hardware for recording video

You may need some hardware other than just the built-in options on a laptop/Chromebook for recording the audio and video of the teacher (to get better quality audio, and better-framed video)

Some systems that we know work well (these are all USB or 3mm connected to a computer so would work with any online platform - Meet, Zoom, WebEx, etc). Other systems may also work (check reviews), these ones we know about.

[Logitech C920 webcam](#) and a [MXL AC-404 microphone](#)

[Logitech C920 webcam](#) and a [Jabra Speak 710](#)

[25" Gooseneck Webcam stand](#)

[Meeting Owl Pro](#)

Aver room [system](#) (an updated version of what is in the ISD conference rooms)—Offered at \$975 from Precision Data, REMC Save Vendo

Gooseneck Document Camera (Can be used as a webcam too): [AVer U50](#) and [AverVision F178m](#)

USB [extension](#) (if you need to be more than 15' from computer to device)

Phone/tablet tracker: [Pivo](#), [Swivl](#) and [GimbOWL](#)

[Adesso CyberTrack H4 webcam](#) (we have not tested this but it's an option currently in stock offered by a REMC Save vendor).

[IPEVO Document Camera](#)

[Blue Yeti Microphone](#) (recommended for capturing audio for screen recording videos)

[Lavalier Lapel Microphone, wired, 3mm connection](#) (we have not tested this but it's an option currently in stock)

[Lavalier Lapel Microphone, wireless, 3mm connection](#) (we have not tested this but it's an option currently in stock)

[Lavalier Lapel Microphone, wired, USB connection](#) (we have not tested this but it's an option currently in stock)

[Logitech Headset](#)

Various microphones and headset options, including discounts can be found on the [REMC Save Bid](#).

Free PDF Tools (edit, annotate, etc.)

<https://pdfcandy.com/>

<https://smallpdf.com/edit-pdf>

<https://www.kamiapp.com/>

Online Resources

- [Google—Teach From Home Guide](#)
- [Mindspark Online Toolkit](#)
- [WideOpen School](#)
- [Annotated List of Educational Tools \(Temporarily free\)](#)
- [Educational Companies Offering Free Tools \(Temporarily\)](#)
- **Wayne RESA Resources**
 - [Remote Work Tools](#)
 - [Remote Learning Toolkit](#)
- [Communication Tools](#)
- Online [books, audiobooks, and databases](#) (temporarily free)
- [PBS Learning Media](#) (videos, interactives, lesson plans, etc.)
- [Resources for Teaching the Trades Online](#)

Discovery Education

- All REMC1 member schools have access to this resource for free. Please see the [Getting Started Wiki](#) for login information
- DEX (Discovery Plus) premium content has been made available for free from 3/18/20-6/30/20. Once logged into Discovery Ed, click [here](#) to access DEX content
- Explore How Do You DE?, Virtual Field Trips, Learning Adventures, and more directly from the student landing page for self-directed learning experiences. Explore ideas for [Student Exploration](#) now.

Other Resources

- [ISTE Resources](#)
- [Learning Keeps Going](#)
- [Michigan Department of Education Website](#)
- [Michigan Department of Education resources](#)
- [State of Michigan Website](#)

- [MASA resources](#)
- [Resources from REMC10 \(videos on Google Meet, Drive, Forms, and Screencasting\)](#)