



# COVID-19 Weekly Update



## Week of April 13-17 2020



VSBA continues to daily monitor the COVID-19 epidemic and the impact to Virginia’s public schools. We encourage school board members to continue to work with your superintendent to understand your systems’ response to parents and community members regarding the issue. When your communities are uneasy, it is important for you, the board, to know what your plans and procedures are and how as school divisions, you are prepared for events such as these.

Below you will find various resources and talking points to review that, should you desire, might be of assistance. Our goal at VSBA is to equip our membership with the most relevant information and resources to best serve the students and families in your communities. Thanks for all that you do.

-G.P.



## Botetourt County Public Schools- Making Face Shields for First Responders

Botetourt County Public Schools is using 3D printers to help the community during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The relationship began with a donation of over 300 goggles for

protective eyewear for first responders. These donations were sent to Roanoke Memorial, Stonewall Jackson, Franklin Memorial, Giles Community Hospital, and Tazewell Community Hospital.

As a next step, Chris Balthis, one of the division's CTE teachers, in coordination with a larger group in the Roanoke Valley, started to make face shield masks for the first responders at Carilion Hospital. BTEC is printing nine shields at a time and each print takes about nine hours. In order to do this, Mr. Balthis goes to Botetourt Technical Education Center (BTEC) in the morning to start to print the shields. Kurtis Kennedy, another BTEC teacher, goes in in the evening and starts another print. Mr. Moran (BTEC Custodian) and Mr. Sparks (Principal of BTEC) check the printers during the day when they are at school to make sure everything is looking ok with the prints. Each day, 18 face shields are produced. To date BTEC has produced 120 face shields for first responders.

If you would like more information on how to create face shields, visit <https://3dprint.nih.gov/>.



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## April 14, 2020: A Conversation with Governor Northam on the Impact of COVID-19 on Public Schools in Virginia

Did you miss the live webinar with Governor Ralph Northam and Government Relations Specialist J.T. Kessler? The recorded session is available below.

Welcome  
Thank You For Joining Us  
April 14, 2020



## Virginia will receive almost \$67 million in education...

This money could be spent to help K-12 schools provide online learning, colleges adapt to losses in funding and child care providers stay afloat. NORFOLK, Va. - A Wednesday release from Congressman Bobby Scott (VA-03) said Virginia could expect...

[Read more](#)

[www.13newsnow.com](http://www.13newsnow.com)

## NPR Interview: 9 Out Of 10 Children Are Out Of School Worldwide. What Now?

NPR interviews with experts in the area of "education in emergencies" offer insights about what to expect in the wake of COVID-19 closures. Scholars discuss social, emotional, and academic impacts caused by disruptions and dislocations from war and refugee crises (Somalia, Afghanistan, Syria) as well as epidemics and natural disasters (West Africa, New Orleans):

[Listen here.](#)

## Apple Professional Learning remote learning offerings:

🗨️ **1:1 Virtual Support for Educators:** Free virtual one-on-one coaching sessions with Apple Professional Learning Specialists are available to help individual educators hone their approach to online student learning and workflows. To schedule a coaching session, educators should email [appleprofessionallearning@apple.com](mailto:appleprofessionallearning@apple.com) to request a virtual coaching session.

📺 **On-Demand Videos:** The Apple Education Learning Series provides on-demand videos designed to help educators use Apple products and their built-in features to enable remote learning for all students. There are currently three videos in the series with more on the way.

[Prepare Resources for Remote Learning](#)

[Create and Share Presentations and Demos](#)

[Create Engaging Videos with Clips](#)

[Connect and Collaborate Remotely](#)

🗨️ **Virtual Conferences:** As a follow-up to the on-demand Apple Education Learning Series, educators can also participate in virtual conferences led by Apple Professional Learning Specialists. Visit the [virtual conference schedule](#) to find events in your time zone. Each virtual conference will run for approximately 30 minutes and will provide an opportunity for educators to engage in dialogue with our teams about the content provided in each video.

🗨️ **Online Forum Discussions:** Educators can also chat online, ask questions, and get help from these Apple Education support communities:

[Mac in Education](#)

[iPad in Education](#)

[iPhone in Education](#)

📞 **AppleCare Support Phone Support:** AppleCare experts are available to help educators and leaders with dedicated support. Connect with Apple Education phone support at 1-800-800-2775, option 3.

[USAToday- Apple Offers free consultations to help teachers make the best of online learning](#)

[Wide Open School- Apple Resources](#)

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## Regional Educational Laboratories Webinar: Learning

# Remotely in the Age of COVID-19

The spread of COVID-19 has caused schools and districts across the country to shutter their doors. States, districts, and schools must suddenly and unexpectedly grapple with the new reality of providing quality education to every student remotely.

Join REL Mid-Atlantic for a free webinar on remote learning with researchers and educators who will cover these important topics:

- Felicia Hurwitz and Steve Malick, researchers with REL Mid-Atlantic, will provide an overview of the context of school closures in the mid-Atlantic region and beyond and discuss evidence-based practices to support remote learning.
- Heather Bennett, director of school equity services at the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, will discuss strategies to promote educational equity during remote learning.

This webinar is intended for administrators from state education agencies, districts, and schools; teachers; school board members; and others interested in effective distance learning. Submit your questions for the presenters in advance by emailing [RELMidatlantic@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:RELMidatlantic@mathematica-mpr.com). You will also be able to ask questions during the webinar.

## **Learning Remotely in the Age of COVID-19: Lessons from Evidence and Concerns for Equity**

April 14, 2020

3:30–5:00 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

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## COVID-19 Resources for Vulnerable Students

Below are some resources related to supporting students who may have child welfare concerns through school closures.

### **Disaster Preparedness and Response - Child Welfare Information Gateway (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)**

The resources on these pages are intended to help States and jurisdictions in developing comprehensive disaster preparedness plans and responding to emergencies quickly and effectively to protect children and families.

[Disaster Preparedness & Response](#)

### **COVID-19 Resource Library- Child Welfare Information Gateway (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)**

This page is a library of resources specific to COVID-19 and child welfare.

[Library Search Results](#)

### **COVID-19 (National Association of Social Workers (NASW))**

Below are resources to support social workers in this preventing the spread of COVID-19 and ensure access to services Social workers are in a unique position to promote disease prevention efforts (including disseminating accurate information from trusted sources), and to help address anxiety and other concerns that are arising as a result of this public health crisis.

[National Association of Social Workers \(NASW\)](#)

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## Resources, News & Updates

We have compiled a multitude of resources for school board members, and school divisions to consult. **Below you will find the newest additions.** For the entire collection please visit the VSBA COVID-19 resource page available at the link below.

In addition we have compiled a list of at-home learning resources that are available online for students who are home due to COVID-19. This list will be updated as additional resources become available. This is not an exclusive list, nor does this constitute an endorsement by VSBA for any of the included programs.

Visit the VSBA COVID-19  
Resource Page

Visit the At Home Learning  
Resources Page

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### Resources Added This Week

- [Educating All Learners During the COVID-19 Pandemic- An alliance dedicated to equity for complex learners](#)
- [CDC-Social Media Toolkit](#)
- The Brookings Institute
  - [How the coronavirus shutdown will affect school district revenues](#)
  - [What the coronavirus reveals about the digital divide between schools and communities](#)
  - [From Rural Digital Divides to Local Solutions](#)
  - [Workforce development ideas can promote teacher talent in rural schools](#)
  - [Closing the digital and economic divides in rural America](#)
- [Education Week- How to Keep Students and Staff Safe on Videoconferencing](#)
- [John Hopkins COVID-19 Tracking Map - Updated US Specific Map](#)
- [CDC- Updated Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open](#)
- CDC Guidance
  - [How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)
  - [Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation-Keep your distance to slow the spread](#)
  - [Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)
  - [Cloth Face Coverings: Questions and Answers](#)

## VSBA Events, Education & Updates

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Here are the latest updates to the VSBA Schedule, and planned development.

- All Remaining Spring Region Network Forums have been **Cancelled**- view the Board of Directors Resolution [here](#).
- April 21, 2020, Free VSBA Webinar: Transforming a High Poverty School Division: Our Students Don't Have Time to Wait- [register here!](#)
- May 7, 2020, VSBA Budget Training, **Now Virtual**- [register here!](#)
- June 5, 2020, VSBA School Law Conference, **Now Virtual**- [register here!](#)
- July 21, 2020, VSBA Conference on Education, **Cancelled**

Please keep an eye on our upcoming events. As we continue to consult the VDH, CDC, and WHO for guidelines on gatherings we will continue to release updates. See below for opportunities for development you can take advantage of now.

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Webinar

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Webinars on Demand](#)

[Read the Latest Federal  
Advocacy Report](#)

