

QUICK LINKS

Food/Meals	Academic / Enrichment / Fun Activities & Resources	Templates for Schedules
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* New postings from 4/7/2020

** If you have any suggestions, please email: VEHOM@yahoo.com

Food / Meals (Boston-centric)

Source	Posting	Message
BPS & City of Boston	BPS Website City of Boston Website	Free breakfast and lunch meals to all Boston children beginning Tuesday, March 17 on Monday - Friday. Generally from 8:30 am - 11:30 am - see City of Boston Website for updated times and specific locations.
Food Pantries near a BPS School	Food Pantries GoogleSheet	Compiled from Boston Food Access Directory draft v11.22.19
Greater Boston Food Bank	Boston Globe - 3/17	GBFB partner agency locator Food Finder Resource Sheet
About Fresh	Fresh Truck Box Program Overview - 3/25	Deliveries of pre-packed " Fresh Truck Boxes " with about a week's worth of produce to Boston households, particularly for those that are homebound due to illness, disability, or quarantine, are at high risk for COVID-10 and do not have access to a regular food source, and/or have children under age of 18 and/or seniors over 65.
Project Bread	Hunger & Food Resources - 3/16	Free meal pick-up locations
The Breakfast Spot	FB Post - 3/13	Free lunch buffet for Boston Students - 2805 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119 - Tues-Fri, 11:30am-2:30pm
Violence in Boston Inc & Food for the Soul Grove Hall	FB Post - 3/13	Meal & Supply Relief , 651 Warren Street, Boston Meals provided for lunch and dinner, starting 3/15 • Lunch 12pm-2pm • Dinner 5pm-8pm
West End House	FB Post - 4/16	April 17th is the last day for prepared meals. West End House will begin grocery delivery the week of April 21. Sign up here .
YMCA	FB Post - 3/27	"Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch available to all youth and teens 18 and under at: The Charlesview Community Center, 123 Antwerp Street, Allston, MA 02134. Beginning 3/30, 9:00am-12:00pm Monday through Friday

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General Support		
Aunt Bertha	The Social	If you or those in your community are needing help paying for food, bills, or have other

Updated as of 4/8 6:30pm ET

	Care Network	needs during this time or in the near future, Aunt Bertha lists free and reduced cost food and other programs in every city in America that can help.
Boston Globe	Boston Helps Community Resources	...Tell us if you're willing to help someone who might need it, or whether you need a little help yourself... Running list of community resources for those impacted by COVID-19
Human Network Initiative	Neighborhood Aid Network	A central place where neighborhood digital platforms can aggregate and standardize and where volunteers receive information
United We Dream	Healthcare Resources	Healthcare access for undocumented folks in the time of COVID-19
Betancourt Macias Family Scholarship Foundation	Emergency Funds	COVID-19 resources for undocumented communities
Emergency Childcare		
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	Exempt Emergency Child Care Programs	Emergency child care programs on a limited basis for those who have no other option for care during this public health crisis. Priority will be given to people including but not limited to health care workers, essential state and human service workers, COVID-19 health workers, grocery store employees, emergency response personnel, law enforcement, transportation and infrastructure workers, sanitation workers, DCF involved families, and families living in shelters.
YMCA Greater Boston	Emergency Care	Starting Monday March 23rd the YMCA of Greater Boston branches and centers will be open for Emergency Care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children on a drop in basis , in accordance with state guidelines. This care will support essential workers and vulnerable children only. It is recommended that all families keep their children home, and only seek emergency care if needed. Click on link for details and enrollment form.
Financial Support		
Union Capital Boston	Sign-up for UCB Visa Gift Card Support	If you live in the Greater Boston area and are in need of financial support due to COVID-19, fill out this form and answer honestly. Union Capital Boston will order Visa gift cards on Friday, March 20 and take 7-10 days to arrive. We will divide the amount on each card evenly based on the amount of money raised.
United Way of Massachusetts Bay & Merrimack Valley	COVID-19 Family Support Fund	The COVID-19 Family Support Fund is a dedicated resource for working families affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency... One time grants of up to \$2000 will be made to help families impacted by the COVID-19 crisis to meet their basic food, childcare or housing needs. Individuals can dial 2-1-1 for comprehensive information and referrals related to the virus, including information on where they can access flexible funds through the COVID-19 Family Support Fund.
Expensify	Expensify.org/Hunger	Charitable funds to reimburse families and individuals making purchases using SNAP - one reimbursement per family (scroll down to see instructions on how to get reimbursed for groceries or see this blog)
City of Boston	Rental Relief Fund	The City of Boston is dedicating \$3 million in funds to help Boston residents at risk of losing their rental housing due to COVID-19. Income-eligible tenants include those

		who do not have access to expanded unemployment benefits or the unemployment benefits they receive represent a significant reduction in their actual income.
Coronavirus Care Fund	Domesticworkers.org	The National Domestic Workers Alliance Fund is providing \$400 in emergency assistance for home care workers, nannies, and house cleaners who qualify and have experienced financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic.
Boston Area Performance Support Fund	BAPSF Info & Application Instructions	Scope of funding is limited to people who have cancelled gigs in the Boston Area (Boston, Cambridge, Somerville) including supporting staff.
Boston Artist Relief Fund	BARF Info & Application Form	The Boston Artist Relief Fund will award grants of \$500 and \$1000 to individual artists who live in Boston whose creative practices and incomes are being adversely impacted by Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).
Boston Music Relief Fund	BMRF Form	As of Thursday March 12th The Record Co. has established a fund to provide financial relief to Boston area music makers experiencing lost income as the result of performance cancellations related to COVID-19. Small grants of up to \$200 will be paid rapidly on a first come, first served basis to affected artists and groups.
Facebook	FB Small Business Grants Program	Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where we operate. We'll share more details as they become available.
MGCC	COVID-19 Loan Fund	A loan fund of \$10 million has been created to provide financial relief to Massachusetts businesses that have been affected by COVID-19. Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) will receive and process all applications for this fund. Open to Massachusetts-based businesses impacted by the COVID-19 with under 50 full- and part-time employees, including nonprofits .
The Greg Hill Foundation & Samuel Adams	Restaurant Strong Fund	The Greg Hill Foundation has teamed up with Samuel Adams* to support those from the Massachusetts restaurant industry who have been impacted by the Covid-19 closures. To qualify for grant assistance, you must satisfy all of the following requirements: <i>Completed Application Form; Full-time tipped compensated employee (Minimum of 30 hours total per week, can be multiple restaurants); Employed for 3 months or longer at the same location; Worked in a restaurant, bar, cafe or nightclub located in Massachusetts; Submit the last two pay stubs received.</i>
National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation	Restaurant Employee Relief Fund	Through the Restaurant Employee Relief Fund, NRAEF will provide grants to restaurant industry employees who have been adversely impacted by COVID-19, financially, whether through a decrease in wages or loss of employment. Apply for a grant starting Thursday, April 2, 2020. Each approved grant is \$500, one per person only.
Allston Main Streets & Brighton Main Streets	Workers Relief Fund	A fund established to support any laid-off or furloughed workers who were employed in the Allston, MA or Brighton, MA neighborhoods. Applications available beginning Monday, April 6.
Internet / Technology Support		
Comcast	Internet Essentials	In response to emergency measures associated with Coronavirus (COVID-19), Internet Essentials will increase speeds from 15/2 Mbps to 25/3 Mbps for all customers. This speed increase will happen automatically - no action is required by customers. In addition, new customers will receive two months of free service .
Spectrum	WYFF News	Charter Communications, Spectrum's parent company... will make its services

	4	available for free for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who don't already have internet through the company. To enroll in the program, call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.
Control Alt Achieve	Chrome Extensions	Blog that highlights "over 30 Chrome web extensions that can assist students in five main categories: text to speech, readability, reading comprehension, focus, navigation"
Ed Tech & Mobile Learning	Special Needs Apps	Chart listing apps that are recommended for teachers and kids with learning disabilities . Arranged into 4 categories: for dyslexic learners, for autistic learners, for visually impaired, and for learners with writing disabilities.

Academic / Enrichment / Fun Activities & Resources

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General Educational Online Resources	
Boston Public Library	Online Resources
Boston Public Schools	Resources for at-home learning (Pre-K to grade 2) BPS Virtual Learning Commons (K to grade 5) Digital Learning Resources
Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration	Community of Learning that provides core curriculum every day of the week for homebound students in grades K-6, from March 23-April 17. This includes free of charge, interactive, live-streamed programs from 9:30-3:30 EDT.
Common Sense Media	Wide Open School provides links to PreK-12 resources organized for educators and families, ranging from daily schedules to academic and enrichment activities.
Ed. Co's Offering Free Subscriptions	http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com
Inspiration for Educators	10 Free Learning Websites for Kids
MKE with Kids	All the Ideas - Resources & Activities (organized by subject)
Parents Guide to Google Classroom	Sites for Families to Use While School is Closed
Scholastic	Learn at Home Day-by-Day Projects
Smithsonian	Smithsonian Guide for Caregivers (PreK-2, Grades 3-5, Maker Design Camps, Spanish resources) Smithsonian Guide for Tweens and Teens (Grades 6-8 and 9-12, Maker Design Camps, Spanish resources)
WGBH	PBS Learning Media - standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more (pre-K-12 distance learning support will be coming)
At-Home Activity Lists/Packets	
Long Creations	COVID-19 Time Capsule
The Average Teacher	Free At Home Activities for Students
The Best Ideas for Kids	Indoor Activities for Kids
Breezy Special Ed	Distance/Home Learning Packets and Strategies for Special Education

Curriculum Associates	Printable At-Home Activity Packets
Enrichmentactivities.org	The Ultimate Guide to Staying at Home with Kids
Fountas and Pinnell Literacy	Non-screen activities you can do at home
Princess Awesome & Boy Wonder Community	Giant List of Ideas for Being Home with Kids
Wade Whitehead (via We Are Teachers)	List of Things to Do During COVID Closures (original post)
Enrichment Activities	
Delish	Free Digital Cook-Along Classes for Kids
Enrichment Activities	150+ Enrichment Activities
KY Association for Gifted Education	Virtual Gifted and Talented Enrichment Support Materials
Metropolitan Opera	Free live streams / streams of past performances
Mommy Poppins	Virtual Concerts, Storytimes, Events, and Classes to Stream from Home this Week (dated 3/18, with many activities through end of March)
Totally the Bomb	12 Fun Art Classes Your Kids Can Take for Free
Field Trips / Exercise	
Boston Magazine	Seven Tucked Away Parks around Boston to Visit While Social Distancing
CBS News	Zoos & Aquariums live streaming animals for people to enjoy
JLS Fitness & Beyond	Fit Activity for Kids - spell out your name and complete the activity listed for each letter
Kidsactivities.com	40+ Virtual Field Trips
The Educators' Spin On It	30+ Virtual Field Trips
Google Arts & Culture	The Hidden Worlds of the National Parks
Nitty Gritty Science	Calendar of Virtual Field Trips for Families in March, April, & May 2020
Playworks	Livestream recess activities
YMCA	YMCA 360 (favorite Y classes for all ages, wherever you are)
Languages	
Rosetta Stone	Free access to Rosetta Stone for K-12 Students (for 3 months)
Soy Bibliotecario	Descubre la Biblioteca gratuita de Libros Narrados para chicos y chicas
The Spanish Experiment	Spanish Children's Stories
Math / Science / STEM	
Lybroan James	Free Math Classes - Math Madness Mondays (Pre-Calc & Calc) and Taco Tuesdays (Algebra I & Algebra II)

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden	Home Safari Facebook Live (highlight of an amazing animal each day at 3pm) Home Safari Resources
The Cornell Lab	Bird Academy
dailySTEM	77 More Simple STEM Activities , 77 Simple STEM Activities , Super STEM Movies , Backseat Boredom Busters (also in PDF form)
Franklin Park Zoo	Zoo to You! Bringing the fun of the zoo to your home daily at 1:30pm
Museum of Science	Webinars with topics ranging from Ask a Scientist, Exploring Computers, Aerospace Engineering, Developing PreK Problem Solvers, Empower Families through Engineering, and more!
Science for Families	Online Resources
Science Mom	Online school with Science Mom and Science Dad (look on Youtube for the Quarantine series that includes videos plus handouts)
Teach Outside the Box	MakerStations: 3 Free Weeks of Maker Challenges
Author-Led Activities / Storytime	
Boston Public Library	Children's Library . BPL is holding a Facebook Live storytime on 3/23 at 11am.
Dav Pilkey	Dav Pilkey at Home (new activities posted every Friday)
Growing Book by Book	Online Read-Alouds , Story Times , Sing-Alongs , & Illustrating Tutorials to Do From Home
@TheLivBits	Let's Keep Reading list of read aloud events
Mo Willems	Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems (everyday at 1pm ET)
#OperationStorytime	Authors, illustrators, celebs and childhood educators perform their stories online
Storyline Online	FREE children's literacy resource featuring the world's best storytellers reading books aloud
Tutoring	
GoPeer	1,000 Free Hours of 1:1 tutoring lessons for students ages 5-18 (Blog / Link to create account - enter FREE120 code)

Templates for Schedules

Source	Link / Description
At home learning.pdf	30 brain breaks, daily schedule, goals charts
Jessica McHale Photography	COVID-19 Daily Schedule
Khan Academy	Khan Academy schedules for school closures
	Blank weekly schedule template

For Educators/Schools/School Systems

Source	Link / Description
Better Lesson	A Guide to Getting Started with Distance Learning
Colorín Colorado	School Responses to COVID-19: ELL/Immigrant Considerations
Corwin	Online Teaching Toolkit
Cult of Pedagogy	Distance Learning: A Gently Curated Collection of Resources for Teachers
Edutopia	Innovative Ways to Make Coronavirus a Teachable Moment
edWeb.net	Supporting Students with IEPs during eLearning Days (webinar recording)
Instruction Partners	COVID-19 Resource Hub
Learning Forward	Teaching in an online environment webinar
Irina McGrath, PhD & Michelle Shory (instructional coaches)	Digital Tools for English Language Learners - video ELL2.0: Pedagogy, Andragogy, Innovation, & JOY
New Teacher Center	COVID-19 Community Hub
PBS Teachers Lounge	Distance Learning Tips from One Teacher to Another
RI Teachers of English Language Learners	Useful Internet Links - lesson planning, language and culture resources, general internet, country comparison, adult education
Smithsonian	Smithsonian Distance Learning Resources
Teaching Matters	Learning from Home: NYC DOE Aligned Curriculum
Catlin Tucker	Tips for Designing an Online Lesson Using the 5 Es Instructional Model
Zoom	Free basic accounts for K-12 schools