

At Home - Engagement Options

This is a running list of things you can do to stay connected to your friends and communities while at home. This document will be updated frequently, newly added activities will be marked with a *******. Check back regularly for new ideas! **Last updated 4/13/20**.

Hart House Opportunities

<https://harthouse.ca/virtual>

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Animals

Ripley's Aquarium

Explore Ripley's Aquarium at home and learn all about the amazing animals of our world waters! Use the calendar below to meet our Aquarium staff educators, who will be your guide to live feedings, educational encounters, story time, and much more! Scroll a bit more and discover downloadable animal activities and crafts!

[Link to Ripley's Aquarium](#)

Toronto Zoo

Bring the Toronto Zoo to you! From Facebook LIVE events at 1pm daily with one of their amazing Keepers or virtual learning.

[Link to Toronto Zoo to You page](#)

San Diego Zoo

Tune in daily for live streaming of the animals at the San Diego Zoo! There is also archived footage of some animals.

[Link to San Diego Zoo Live Cams](#)

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Art

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Virtual Trips (Museum Tours / Exhibits)

Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)

The Royal Ontario Museum is home to a world-class collection of 13 million artworks, cultural objects, and natural history specimens, featured in 40 gallery and exhibition spaces. Their online collections are a working database with a team of experts continuously adding new objects.

[Link to ROM Online Collections](#)

Mars

The real surface of Mars. Recorded by NASA's Curiosity rover. Now in your browser.

[Link to Mars Virtual Tour](#)

The Henry Ford Museum

Experts will guide you through a daily series of curriculum, activities and content built around the collection themes of The Henry Ford: Mobility, Design & Making, Social Transformation, Agriculture & the Environment, Communications & Information Technology and Power & Energy.

[Link to Henry Ford Museum website](#)

The Smithsonian Museums are offering virtual exhibits online

<https://www.si.edu/exhibitions/online>

Louvre Museum

Visit the museum's exhibition rooms and galleries, contemplate the façades of the Louvre. Take a virtual tour of the Louvre Museum in Paris

[Link to tour the Louvre](#)

Harry Potter: A History Of Magic' Exhibit

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/harry-potter-a-history-of-magic>

The Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met), New York

The Met presents over 5,000 years of art from around the world for everyone to experience and enjoy. The Museum lives in three iconic sites in New York City—The Met Fifth Avenue, The Met Breuer, and The Met Cloisters. Millions of people also take part in The Met experience online.

[Link to tour The Met](#)

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Books / Reading

Toronto Public Library - Online Book Clubs

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/readingchallenge/>

Cooking Classes

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Crafts

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Escape Rooms

Hogwarts Digital Escape Room

You can complete this escape room as a family or individual, you can compete against friends and try it multiple times. Just make sure you have fun!

[Link to Harry Potter Escape Digital Escape Room](#)

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Exercise

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Meditation

Headspace

There are a lot of unknowns in the world right now. But one thing is certain — Headspace is here for you. To help support you through this time of crisis, we're offering some meditations you can listen to anytime.

[Link to Headspace website](#)

Calm

Without a doubt, many of us are feeling anxious as we navigate the uncertainty of COVID-19. We're feeling it too, and we wanted to share some of the tools we're using to take care of our minds and stay grounded. All of the resources on this page are free of charge — please share with anyone who might benefit.

[Link to Calm website](#)

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Movie/TV Show Providers

Cineplex

Cineplex movie theatres are bringing the theatre experience home to you.

[Linke to Cineplex store.](#)

Netflix Party

[Link to instructions for Netflix Party](#)

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Music

The Metropolitan Opera

The Metropolitan Opera in New York is offering a wide range of musical and theatrical flavors free as nightly web streams. Each day, a different encore presentation from the company's Live in HD series is being made available for free streaming on the Met website, with each performance available for a period of 23 hours, from 7:30 p.m. EDT until 6:30 p.m. the following day. The schedule will include outstanding complete performances from the past 14 years of cinema transmissions, starring all of opera's greatest singers.

[Link to The Metropolitan Opera](#)

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Nature Tours

The Hidden Worlds of The National Parks

The exhibit allows you to take 360-degree tours of some of the most remote and beautiful U.S. National Parks.

[Link to The Hidden Worlds of The National Parks](#)

Yellowstone National Park

The exhibit allows you to take 360-degree tours of some of the most remote and beautiful U.S. National Parks.

[Link to Yellowstone National Park Virtual Tour](#)

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Online Games

Words with Friends

After the success that was the Scrabble-inspired game Words With Friends, Zynga launched Words With Friends 2—an updated version. Two-player Android games that emulate classic board games are notoriously popular and this one is no different.

You can play online either with random opponents or friends. Another benefit of the game is that if you're interrupted, you can continue your turn later.

Download (Free):

[Download Words with Friends for Android](#)

[Download Words with Friends for iOS](#)

QuizUp

A great way to pass the time is by testing out your trivia knowledge. QuizUp raises the stakes by allowing you to directly compete with other people. Like real quizzes, the match happens in real-time rather than using a turn-based system. Your goal is to answer quickly and correctly, outscoring your opponent. To invite a friend to a match, you will need to add their username to your friends list in the game.

Download (Free):

[Download QuizUp for Android](#)

[Download QuizUp for iOS](#)

Boggle With Friends

Boggle is another traditional word game that Zynga has turned into a mobile success. In Boggle With Friends, the aim is to find as many words as possible from a randomly generated set of letters. However, you can only connect letters adjacent to each other (vertically, horizontally, or diagonally). You win if you reach a higher number of points than your opponent before the timer runs out.

Download (Free):

[Download Boggle with Friends for Android](#)

[Download Boggle with Friends for iOS](#)

Skribbl.io

Free online pictiary style game. Can be played on a PC or Mac. Unfortunately, you cannot play across different devices.

[Link to Skribbl.io website](#)

Drawasaurus

Drawasaurus is a drawing & guessing game for your phone, tablet or PC. Do your best to draw the word you are given while players from around the world try to guess it!

[Link to Drawasaurus website](#)

Kahoot

Kahoot! is a game-based learning platform that makes it easy to create, share and play learning games or trivia quizzes in minutes. Unleash the fun in classrooms, offices and living rooms!

[Link to Kahoot website](#)

Dominion Online

Play this board game through their online portal. Each player does need to make an account to play. Game description: Each player uses a separate deck of cards and draws their hands from their own decks, not those of others. Players use the cards in their hands to either perform actions or buy select cards from a common pool of card stacks. The player with the most victory points at the end wins.

[Link to Dominion Online website](#)

Catan Universe

Play this board game through their online portal. Each player does need to make an account to play. The entire CATAN universe for Android, iOS, Mac and Windows. Get the original board game on your smartphone, tablet or PC - for at home and on the go.

[Link to Catan Universe website](#)

Codenames

Codenames is a game of guessing which code names (words) in a set are related to a hint-word given by another player. Play Codenames online across multiple devices on a shared board.

[Link to Codenames online game site](#)

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Online Education

Mind Control: Managing Your Mental Health During COVID-19 (FREE)

Never in the history of humanity have so many people been feeling intense anxiety related to COVID-19 and the world it will leave in its wake. The intent of this course is to give you a deeper understanding of the anxiety reaction as it relates to various aspects of our current life, ranging from our consumption of news to the way we talk to our children about this.

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Video Communication Options