

Local Resources

COVID-19 INFORMATION

- Think you need to be tested? Call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 hotline at 1.888.535.6136 daily 8am-5pm.
- To sign up for automatic email updates visit the [Coronavirus in Michigan](#) (scroll to bottom).
- For updates on the situation, steps to prevent illness, and answers to common questions, access the [CDC \(Center for Disease Control\)](#)
 - CDC Article: [Keeping Children Healthy During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- Click on [Livingston County](#) to find county specific information.

FOOD

- [The Salvation Army of Livingston County](#) will be providing a free Mobile Lunch Program for students. Visit the highlighted link for locations and schedule.
- Michigan families with students ages 5-18 who are enrolled in the free or reduced-price lunch program are eligible for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT) (provides temporary funding to address emergency food needs and avert financial hardship for families affected by the pandemic) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Click [here](#) for more information.
- For food programs in Livingston County, visit [The Livingston Hunger Council](#).
- [Bountiful Harvest](#) in Brighton offers a food pantry, soup kitchen, clothing pantry, and resource center (810-360-0271).
- Tim Horton's is providing free lunches to children at the drive-thru: M-F (11-1). Kids must be in the car.
- Starting Monday 3/23, Burger King will offer TWO free kids meals with any purchase. Must order [online](#).
- [Gleaner's](#) has several local food distribution sites.
- Locate a pantry in your area, visit www.pantrynet.org or www.fbcmich.org.
- Michigan Food Assistance Program questions: Call 1-855-275-6424. To apply for benefits: www.michigan.gov/mibridges.
- [Torch 180](#) (131 Mill Street, Fowlerville) is offering grab-and-go lunches and supplemental groceries starting Tuesday 3/17 from 10-12.
- [Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church](#) is providing meals for families in need on Sunday evenings between 5:00-6:00 and Wednesday Evenings between 5:00-6:00.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

- Call or text [2-1-1](#) - a hotline that can connect you to services in our community.

- Here is a [Community Resource Sheet](#) that includes support in the areas of child care, medical needs, insurance, housing, employment, senior supports, and more.
- Connect with local resources (emergency supports, mental health, transportation) at <https://www.livgov.com/hscb>.

SPECIAL CONCERNS

- **CHILDCARE:** If you are an Essential Worker (such as first responders, medical personnel, key government officials, etc.) during the COVID-19 pandemic and are in need of child care, please fill out this form: [Livingston County Essential Worker Child Care Form](#).
- **CABLE:** Comcast and Charter Spectrum have both announced that they are opening up their wireless HotSpots for free to the general public. Additionally, both [Comcast](#) and [Charter Spectrum](#) are offering free internet for 60 days for qualifying families. Lastly, some wireless providers have removed their data limits during this time. Please check with your wireless provider to see if they are removing their data limits.
- **HOUSING:** For help with housing in Livingston County, click [here](#).
- **EVICTION:** Executive Order 2020-19 (a) allows tenants and mobile home owners to remain in their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, visit [here](#).

LEARNING

- Free online learning programs for elementary students: [Abcya.com](#) (math, reading, and thinking games), [Sumdog.com](#) (math), [prodigygame.com/](#) (1st-8th grade, learn and practice math), [Storylineonline.net](#) (stories read aloud to students by famous actors), [Raz-kids.com](#) (reading), [Mobymax.com](#) (personalized learning activities) - ask your teacher for access codes, if necessary.
- Hoopla digital, <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>, instantly borrow digital movies, music, ebooks, and more, 24/7 with your library card.
- [Scholastic](#) offers day-by-day projects to keep kids learning, thinking, and growing.
- Questions about Google Classroom or SeeSaw? Click [here](#) for instructions, support, and answers to FAQ's.

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- [GoZen](#) has some videos for helping students and parents manage anxiety.
- Talking to Kids/Families About the Coronavirus/Social Stories:
 - Center For Disease Control (CDC):
 - [Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
 - [Coping after a Disaster](#)
 - [Helping Children Cope with Emergencies](#)
 - PBS: [How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus](#)
 - Article for [talking to kids and teens about world trauma](#)

- SSWN: [How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus](#)
- Video: [Child-Friendly Ways to Address COVID-19](#)
- [Coping Skills for Kids](#) - This website has resources for coping with COVID-19, calming anxiety, and helpful books and activities.
- [Social Emotional Learning Activities](#): (Note: Some items are copyrighted. If so, you should obtain permission from the author/publisher to use).
- Here are some [short stories](#) for parents and/or teachers to help children calm down and relax by guiding them through visualization and breathing exercises.
- The [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and the [Mental Health Awareness Workgroup](#) are also valuable resources for coping with stress and anxiety during COVID-19.
- [The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

JUST FOR FUN

- Consider some community service:
 - Create greeting cards to send to troops overseas - [amillionthanks.org](#)
 - Distribute food at a food pantry - [foodpantries.org](#)
- Listen to free podcasts such as: [Movement and Family Fun: Activities to Engage your Kids Bodies and Minds](#), [Brains On](#), or [Story Pirates](#).
- [McHarper Manor](#) Daily free art & craft tutorials with links to shopping lists
- [Art For Kids Hub](#) - Art Lessons, including how to draw, paint and do origami.
- [Virtual Field Trips](#) - Virtually travel to Mars, The Great Wall of China, zoos, and more.
- [Ultimate List of Musical Games](#) - Websites that help children learn about music.
- [World Book Kids](#) - FREE website to research animals, play games, and more.
- [Go Hiking](#) - Visit a local park and take a walk in nature
- [LEGO Challenge](#) - Check out these daily inspiration ideas for building with bricks.
- [The Behavior Code FB page](#) has countless fun resources for teachers and parents.
- Daily science experiments [Longway Planetarium](#) and [Michigan Science Center](#).
- In addition to the following Screen-Free ideas check out the [Screen Free Parenting FB page](#): Build a blanket fort, play a board game, do puzzles, play hide and seek (especially fun in the dark with flashlights), fill the driveway with chalk drawings and/or encouraging words, count/sort money, stack cups, ride bikes, set-up an outdoor obstacle course, plan an indoor or outdoor scavenger hunt
- [National Geographic Kids](#): Children can explore numerous activities such as games, videos, conduct science experiments about, and virtually explore, our world.
- Explore all things science with [Bill Nye The Science Guy](#)
- [Busch Gardens](#): Discover Educational Resources for Hand-On Learning at Home all about animals and nature: