

Family Resources During School Closure.

LIVE CAM TO THE ZOO

(Since all outdoor places are closed in MA due to social distancing restriction, the following educational activities and resources may be useful for some families).

San Diego Zoo offers Live Cams and Videos of Your favorite animals:

<https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/videos>

Smithsonian National Zoo Live webcams (Lion, Panda, & elephant)

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams>

Houston Zoo Webcam (Giraffe, Gorilla, elephant, leaf cutter ants, Rhino, Chimps)

<https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/>

Maryland Zoo (Penguins, Giraffe, Flamingo, Goat)

<https://www.marylandzoo.org/animals/live-cams-feeds/>

Memphis Zoo Live animal cam (Panda, Hippo, elephant)

<https://www.memphiszoo.org/animal-cams>

Live cams Monterey Aquarium.

<https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>

VIRTUAL TOURS TO THE MUSEUMS

National Museum of Natural History (Dinosaurs, Plants, Early life, Ancient seas, Mammals, Ice Age, Genome)

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour/past-exhibits>

(African Bush Elephant & rotunda; African voices, Bone Hall, Butterfly Pavilion, Fossils, Human Origins, Ancient Egypt)

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour/current-exhibits>

(Antlers, Wet Specimens, Whale Bones)

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour/museum-support-center-and-research-stations>

Boston Children's Museum

Museum Virtual Tour

<https://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/museum-virtual-tour>

National Museum of Wildlife Art

<https://www.wildlifeart.org/visit/virtual-tour/>

Louvre Museum

<https://www.youvisit.com/tour/louvremuseum>

Multiple Natural History Museums and Zoo

<https://artsandculture.google.com/search/streetview?project=natural-history>

Guggenheim Museum and Foundation, New York

<https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/solomon-r-guggenheim-museum-interior-streetview/jAHfbv3JGM2KaQ?hl=en&sv lng=-73.95902634325634&sv lat=40.78285751667664&sv h=30.75703204567916&sv p=0.06928383072430222&sv pid=MfnUmHRyOSzMtY3vtYU05g&sv z=0.9645743015259163>

National Museum United States Air Force

<http://www.nmusafvirtualtour.com/>

Virtual Journey Around the World

360-degree virtual videos tours around the world (example: Azores, Sintra, Portugal, etc) younger kids, Older kids, and adults)

http://www.airpano.com/360video_list.php

<http://www.airpano.com/>

Movement breaks for kids at home

Movement break for Kids

<https://family.gonoodle.com/>

<https://www.understood.org/en/learning-thinking-differences/child-learning-disabilities/movement-coordination-issues/8-gross-motor-skills-activities-for-kids>

6 Easy and simple exercises for kids

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/easy-exercises-for-kids-1257391>

<https://www.childsplayinaction.com/18-brain-breaks-make-kids-minds-happy/>

(Scroll down to videos)

Movement breaks/ Brain Breaks:

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/learning-at-home/homework-study-skills/brain-breaks-what-you-need-to-know>

Reading Story Books to Kids.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

(Videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books)

Attention and Focusing:

Mazes for all age Kids: (helps with attention and focusing)

<https://krazydad.com/mazes/>

Other resources :

COVID-19 info and resources from MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education:

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/emergencyplan/covid19.html>

How to Explain COVID-19 to a child with Anxiety.

<https://www.additudemag.com/explain-coronavirus-covid-19-anxiety-adhd-child/>

Social story on COVID-19

<https://theautismeducator.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Corona-Virus-Free-Printable-Updated-2-The-Autism-Educator-.pdf>

COVID 19 resource:

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/science-news/what-should-autism-community-know-about-coronavirus-outbreak>

Coronavirus (COVID-19): What to Talk About with Your Child

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/caring-autism/202003/coronavirus-covid-19-what-talk-about-your-child>