



OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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A MESSAGE RELATED TO COVID-19

The Georgia Office of the Child Advocate hopes that you and your families are staying safe during this time of uncertainty. As the state's oversight and ombudsman for the child welfare system, we will continue our operations remotely for the time being. Please continue to contact our office as you normally would. If you would like to file a complaint, please do so via this link: <https://oca.georgia.gov/request-oca-assistance-or-investigation>. If you need to report suspected abuse or neglect, please call 1-855-GACHILD (1-855-422-4453).

Below you will find national and state information and resources. We encourage everyone to continue to practice healthy hygiene and social distancing. As you and your family practice social distancing, you may find the below compilation of resources helpful. The internet is also full of many other great ideas! As you find these, please share with others, be gracious, and continue to offer support (virtually, as often as possible!) to those in need or otherwise struggling. We will continue to do the same. Please check in with OCA's social media accounts for additional resources.

Stay well!

All the best,
The OCA Team

National and State Information:

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- Executive Order Declaring a Public Health State of Emergency by Governor Kemp March 14, 2020: <https://gov.georgia.gov/document/2020-executive-order/03142001/download>
- Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency by Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Melton March 14, 2020: <https://www.gasupreme.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CJ-Melton-amended-Statewide-Jud-Emergency-order.pdf>
- Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH): <https://dph.georgia.gov/>
- Georgia School Closures: <https://www.georgiainsights.com/georgia-school-closures.html>
- Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL): <http://dec.al.ga.gov/BFTS/Covid19.aspx>
- School lunch availability during COVID-19 school closures: <https://www.11alive.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/school-lunch-availability-during-coronavirus-closures-atlanta/85-7196b4a2-9727-4d0f-bd53-5eae68f57832>
- Food bank resources: <https://www.feedingamerica.org/>

Compilation of Activities and Ideas During Social Distancing:

- Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions Due to School Closures:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t3r618pd8MAi6V87dG2D66PtiKoHdHusBpjPKXgm36w/htmlview?fbclid=IwAR2-q0DmQOugzneIjMw4a0DcyoCxon7wfkQskGBpKtT2g5tQQ0yGFDte7k&sle=true#gid=0>
- Mystery Science: <https://mysteryscience.com/school-closure-planning?fbclid=IwAR18rMF70CmqvGjvjtPaQr3Mtv9PpvfDxnkcsN6l-Fbq6eOWesgxOYGjPU>
- Art for Kids Hub:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub?fbclid=IwAR1fOxZMdq0adifO9w5zpNiUh09BrgPSIDcAlQWVwz00xxi1MPmRxoA75VY&app=desktop>
- 12 Famous Museums Offering Virtual Tours:
https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours?utm_medium=social&utm_term=59F3F59E-653B-11EA-938E-3D9296E8478F&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=travelandleisure_travelandleisure&utm_content=link&fbclid=IwAR3aVxRyABqv-xvcVT70ZPJL3wh3117sGpmY5bJJo1N3FckTLUiDmSr2J4
- 20 Virtual Field Trips to Take with Your Kids: https://adventuresinfamilyhood.com/20-virtual-field-trips-to-take-with-your-kids.html?fbclid=IwAR1f-xfOg_k88GuRW5sjvfpOwzGdJmXrpRym5gsBxdiZSov5E0kIEyF1r60
- Virtual field trips:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SvldgTx9djKO6SjyvPDsoGIkgE3iExmi3qh2KRRku_w/preview?fbclid=IwAR0TbLKfv7QFX5xUsB8m1XHn1M9_oZUtGH8n-bM4n6woYPetUfSHVhBRG7M
- Virtual vacations: https://community.today.com/parentingteam/post/virtual-vacations-how-to-explore-the-world-from-your-house?fbclid=IwAR109USQeMbM8R_9zssJSj8_AJ-F-fOSyWUUK07iU7RqV60KAIN10_GDaqY
- Cosmic Kids Yoga:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga?fbclid=IwAR3VKUgy1EIQ9Dj0TLijyZLRsgpfJagG7Wki61HNw505bSHT-jrrKY-7Zp0&app=desktop>
- 87 Energy-busting indoor games and activities for kids (because cabin fever is no joke):
<https://whatmomslove.com/kids/active-indoor-games-activities-for-kids-to-burn-energy/?fbclid=IwAR3GkMzbm7pwePbCLqtDPRhQk1GK1SRXVI0BzPudfBv6fAbRWkl3SvAsat8>
- 50+ Free Lego Instructions: Learn How to be a Master Builder:
https://www.mykidstime.com/things-to-do/master-builder-lego-instructions-how-to/amp/?fbclid=IwAR3hVmlUANUXiRVowFNTTrUOTDzX_tD6UIbLmhZm3zYwkSKxVn68NwQ3Hes
- Ideas for Quarantine/Social Distancing:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o6kEgCKLn3cyIm2hehhhSTIk7yRTd0C3z49JS4wwCl/mobilebasic>