

Educator Resources and Information

We want to ensure you as educators have access to the latest information about COVID-19, access to resources that will provide instructional help with distance learning, and personal professional learning resources to support you and prepare you for the challenges of distance learning.

General Information

These resources cover up-to-date information from the Rhode Island Department of Health regarding COVID-19, information from the Center for Disease Control, and frequently asked questions regarding school closures in both English and Spanish.

- The [**Rhode Island Department of Health COVID-19 Website**](#) has the latest news and resources for Rhode Islanders.
- The Rhode Island Department of Health has a 24-hour hotline for anyone with questions about the Coronavirus (401-222-8022). Rhode Islanders can also call 211 for assistance.
- [**CDC's frequently Asked Questions regarding Children**](#)
- [**FAQ's regarding School Closures**](#)
- [**Preguntas Frecuentes Sobre el Cierre de la Escuelas de Rhode Island**](#)

Resources for Distance Learning

We have created a list of resources that will continue to be updated by topic and content area. We also will provide links to other distance learning tools and resources and opportunities for distance learning platforms that are newly available because of widespread school closures due to COVID-19.

- The RIDE Team has created a [**Distance Learning Resource Spreadsheet**](#) by topic that will be updated regularly
- [**Amazing Educational Resources**](#) is a website with a list of education companies offering free subscriptions due to school closings
- [**Microsoft is offering**](#) six months of Office 365 tools for free to schools to enable remote collaboration, file sharing and video conferencing
- [**NBC Learn**](#) is available for free to Rhode Island educators and schools

Resources for Personal Professional Learning

We have created a list of resources that will continue to be updated by content area to provide personal professional development access as you navigate distance learning education. These resources are not meant to serve as replacements for Professional Learning Units or District based training, but are meant to be more of a toolkit you can pull from to support your efforts to improve distance learning instruction. Please coordinate with your district to determine if any at home professional learning you complete can be used towards a professional learning unit.

- The RIDE Team has created a [Personal Professional Development Resources Spreadsheet](#) by content area that will be updated regularly
- [Edutopia](#) is a great resource for both professional practice support and instructional resources.