

Coronavirus News & Resources

The East End Counselors Association is sharing the following information from local, state and national organizations as resources for school counselors.

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In response to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus, the East End Counselors Association has cancelled the following events:

- * Spring Professional Development Meeting at Suffolk Community College Culinary Center, Riverhead, on March 25, 2020
- * Administrative Professional Luncheon at Cooperage Inn, Baiting Hollow on April 20, 2020
- * Spring College Fair at Westhampton Beach High School on April 27, 2020
- * Counselor College Tour in North Carolina April 29 - May 1, 2020
- * General Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner June 2020

American School Counselors Association

COVID-19 Resources: Get [resources and lesson plans](#) for talking with students about COVID-19 in the schools and addressing widespread illness. Get [resources](#) for helping students deal with troubling issues in the news.

The rapid spread of COVID-19 has forced districts to review and in some cases implement emergency shutdown plans. Plans should outline comprehensive school counseling services that will be provided and address equity and access issues such as ensuring students have access to computers and internet. [Download the PDF](#) of Planning for Virtual/Distance School Counseling During an Emergency Shutdown and check out these additional resources:

- [School Counseling in an Online World](#)
- [Liability Insurance](#)
- [Position Statement: The School Counselor and Virtual School Counseling](#)
- ["School Counseling Principles: Ethics and Law" — Chapter 3, Cyberspace](#)
- [Magazine Article: It's a Virtual World](#)
- [Lasting Impact on Gen Z](#)

Here's What's New:

ASCA Toolkits Launched: Recognizing your need for practical tips and lessons to use as you navigate the COVID-19 crisis, ASCA has developed several new toolkits for virtual school counseling, including [Crisis Planning and Response](#), [Choosing a College When You Can't Visit Campus](#), [Virtual School Counseling Guidelines](#) and [Virtual Elementary School Counseling](#). Soon, we'll add Virtual Middle School Counseling and Virtual High School Counseling Toolkits.

Resources for kids at risk: [Responsibility.org](#) digital underage drinking prevention program "Ask, Listen, Learn" for kids ages 9-13 is offering a number of [videos, activities and resources](#) school counselors can use to educate students about underage drinking while working remotely. Additionally, the *National Runaway Safeline's* free, evidence-based curriculum "[Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention](#)" builds life skills and presents alternatives to unsafe behaviors for young people ages 10-20. Let's Talk contains 14 modules, each with its own worksheets and activities.

Webinars available for on-demand viewing: Ethical Considerations: School Counseling in a Virtual Setting (parts [one](#) and [two](#)), [School Counseling in an Online World](#), [The](#)



[Power to Motivate](#) and [Celebrate College Signing Day Online](#) are all available for online viewing on [ASCA On Air](#).

All [scheduled ASCA webinars](#) will be presented as scheduled. While webinars are always free to members, until May 15, 2020, live webinars are also available free to nonmembers. CEU quizzes for webinars from March 15–May 15 are free to both members and nonmembers.

New webinars available:

Watch on-Demand

- [Virtual Elementary School Counseling: Tier 1 How-to](#)
- [School Counseling in an Online World](#)
- [Support Student Welfare in a Virtual Setting](#)
- [Virtual Middle School Counseling](#)

Register for

- [Develop Surveys and Collect Data with Google Forms](#), April 29, 2 p.m. EDT
- [Virtual High School Counseling: Tier 1 How-to](#)
- [Support Seniors Virtually Through the College Admissions Process](#), May 7, 12 p.m. EDT
- [Making Data Work](#), May 15, 1 p.m. EDT

COVID-19 Curated Resources and Links: In addition to links to COVID-19-related resources from ASCA and other organizations, we have also curated a list of digital tools, remote lesson ideas and free resources to assist in virtual school counseling. Access them [here](#).

College Board Updates on AP Exams: AP exams will be given May 11-22 with makeup tests available June 1-5. Students can take exams at home or in schools if they reopen. For complete details, including guidance regarding how College Board is ensuring equity for students, [click here](#) and/or [view a webinar](#) with details.

The New York State Education Department

The New York State Education Department recognizes the COVID-19 outbreak is affecting schools and communities across the state.

[NEW YORK STATE REGENTS EXAMS CANCELLED](#)
Official announcement and details are [Linked Here](#)



***FAQ regarding Regents & Graduation Requirements
Questions Related to the COVID-19 closures [Linked Here](#)***

NYSED and the State Department of Health [issued updated guidance](#) to school and community health officials regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The [guidance for P-12 schools](#) provides an update on measures needed to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak as well as recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions and community containment measures that may be useful to reduce disease transmission in schools including a checklist for schools to assist in planning. NYSED also provided [updated guidance to colleges and universities](#) in New York State. All resources for schools related to COVID-19 can be found on NYSED's [dedicated coronavirus web page](#).

In addition, out of an abundance of caution, all future [Graduation Measures Regional Meetings](#) have been postponed. If you have already attended one of the Regional Meetings across the state to provide your input, we sincerely appreciate your contribution to this important effort. The remaining meetings will be rescheduled in the future.

Accessible Virtual Meeting Platforms

The Partnership on Employment & Accessible Technology (PEAT) published a tip sheet on "How to Pick an Accessible Virtual Meeting Platform." This resource provides best practices on the process of ensuring that virtual platforms support full accessibility for people with disabilities. [Read "How to Pick an Accessible Virtual Meeting Platform"](#)

Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) and Virtual Learning

On Monday, March 30, 2020, the United States Department of Education's Student Privacy Policy Office (SPPO) presented a webinar on "Student Privacy – FERPA and Virtual Learning During COVID-19." The webinar was in response to the many questions SPPO received about FERPA as educators and students shift to learning online during this time of social distancing. SPPO distilled most of the questions into 10 common scenarios and questions about FERPA. For each scenario, they identify key FERPA requirements and takeaways and other questions to consider for best practices. Included at the end of the presentation is a listing of other available resources.

All event materials, including the webinar recording, are posted on [SPPO's website](#) as follows:

- [Webinar Slide Deck](#):



<https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/training/ferpa-and-virtual-learning-during-covid-19-webinar-recording>

- [Webinar Slide Deck:](#)

<https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/ferpa-and-virtual-learning-during-covid-19>

Additional related resources on the SPPO website include the following:

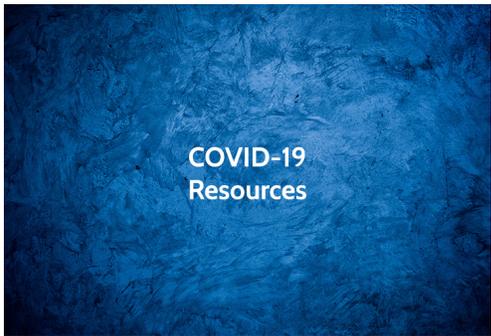
- [FERPA & COVID-19 FAQs](#)
- [FERPA & COVID-19 FAQs \(Esp\)](#)
- [FERPA & Virtual Learning Resource List](#)
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Questions may be submitted to the Student Privacy help desk at FERPA@ed.gov.

Additional New York State Resources

- [**Emergency Regulations to Ease the Burdens on Educators, Students, and Professionals**](#)
- [NYSED SEL Resources](#)
- [Parents: Supporting Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#)

- [**PBS Programming Aims to Reduce Educational Inequity**](#)
 - [Click on Find Local Station to find your resources](#)
- [NYSED-Talking about COVID-19 with young people](#)
- **NYSED has a website listing [continuity of learning resources](#)**
- [NY Department of Health Updates](#)
- [Resources from the State Museum, Library, and Archives](#)
- [NYSUT Continuity of Learning Fact Sheet](#)



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The following resources were collected from the [NYSSCA website](#). Visit them for a complete list of resources and updates including the announcement of future zoom meetings.



SUNY Virtual College Fairs

[Thursday, May 14, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM](#)

[Saturday, May 16, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM](#)

The fair will include representatives from nearly every SUNY campus. During the fair students will be able to communicate with campus representatives using text and video chat.

This is a unique opportunity to explore all of the opportunities at The State University of New York: challenging academics; innovative research; global study; and financial support.

We hope your juniors and their families will attend. Please ask students to register at www.suny.edu/attend/events/virtual-college-fair/.

Updates for AP Students and Schools Affected by Coronavirus

The coronavirus pandemic has created new challenges for schools and students. To support students in continuing their AP journey even if their school is closed, we're offering free online AP classes and take-at-home AP Exams for 2020. [More Information](#)

NYSACAC Virtual Conversation Schedule

The New York State Association For College Admission Counseling is sponsoring: A DISCUSSION OF THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

[Tuesday, May 5-10-11am](#)

[Wednesday, May 6-2-3pm](#)

[Thursday, May 7-10-11am](#)

A meeting agenda will be sent with your confirmation.

COVID-19 Updates and Resources

US Government Resources

- [US Dept of Education Covid-19 Info Page](#)
- [CDC Updates](#)
- [Supplemental Fact Sheet Addressing the Risk of COVID-19 in Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Schools While Serving Children with Disabilities](#)



Other COVID-19 Updates and Resources

- [National Center for Grieving Children & Families](#)
- [National Center for School Crisis & Bereavement-Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [Protecting Educational Equity During Coronavirus School Closures-EdTrustNY](#)
- [CASEL Resources including CASEL Cares Initiative](#)
- [Question and answers on providing services to children with disabilities during the Coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak](#)
- [AP Updates for Schools Impacted by the Coronavirus](#)
- [Coronavirus Updates for Students Taking the SAT](#)
- [ACT Update on ACT testing dates](#)
- [Calm.com: Free Resources during the Coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [Understanding Covid-19 Statistics in plain English](#)
- [National Association of School Psychologists Covid-19 Resource Center](#)
- [Lasting Impact on Gen Z](#)
- [No Kid Hungry Emergency Grants](#)

Resources From Our Members

COVID-19 Resources and Links:

* Brandi Hopkins of Greenport provided this list of resources that was worked on collaboratively with other North Fork Schools [Linked Here](#)

* Retired School Counselor, Linda Aydinian offered her insight in an article entitled [Coronavirus Sparks mental health Concerns: Where To Turn On LI](#). She also provided information on a free 6 hour psychological first aid course from NCTSN, The National Child Traumatic Stress Network. [Linked Here](#)

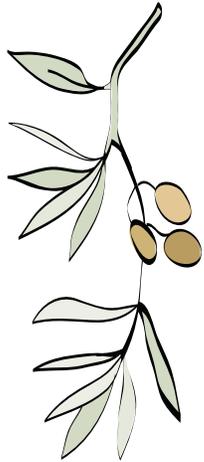
- If you are looking for a Professional Development opportunity, here is one on TRAUMA INFORMED RESILIENT SCHOOLS. It is normally \$199, but it is now FREE. It is a 6-hour course. Type TRAUMAINFORMED in the “apply code” section. The promo code is TELEFREE you have to add the training to your cart and once you get to the final registration page it will ask for a “discount” or code.

* Tom Rabbitt is sharing this link to NYSED’s [Continuity of Learning website featuring Staying Connected: Your Stories](#) a collection of the work of individual teachers, district, and BOCES that encourages district-to-district support and collaboration across New York State. Your story might be a one-page account, a video, or pictures showing how your school, your students, and your community are staying connected. Please visit the [Staying Connected](#) page for suggested topics, components, and submission instructions. Please consider sending a copy of “Your Story” to trabbitt51@gmail.com so we can include it in our newsletter.

Retired School Counselor, Eileen Kochanasz, is sharing this information about a Covid-19 Support Group For Frontline Professionals. If you know a healthcare worker is an essential work environment struggling to stay motivated to help others while dealing with their own fears and anxieties, The East End Hospice is offering a virtual support group to frontline professionals experiencing heightened stress and anxiety during this pandemic.

Weekly open group on ZOOM
Start Date: April 28, 2020, 7pm
Registration required at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

If you are interested contact Jean Langan Behrens, LCSW-R at jbehrens@eeh.org



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