



Below are some valuable resources for ESOL Teachers to share with students to help them get through this public health crisis, along with some useful ideas for teaching online.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

[Roundup of multilingual COVID-19 education resources](#)

Help our students be well-informed and educate their own families and communities with these multi-lingual videos and flyers.

COVID-19 FREE testing and care with MassHealth

<https://www.mass.gov/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-and-masshealth>

MassHealth is covering all COVID-19 testing and care. Anyone uninsured within the income threshold will be automatically enrolled. Prescriptions can be renewed for 90 day supplies.

FoodSource Hotline - call: 800-645-8333

<http://projectbread.org/get-help/foodsource-hotline.html>

Anyone can use this hotline and it will have the most up to date information of where to get free meals.

MA State health officials announce launch of 2-1-1 to provide COVID-19 information and referrals 24/7:

<http://ow.ly/8kaf50yLvP0>.

There are interpreters in 150 languages available.

Emergency guidelines for unemployment insurance put into place by DUA and Governor Baker:

The Department of Unemployment Assistance

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-guidance-and-directives#other-guidance->

The Department of Unemployment Assistance is filing emergency regulations that will allow people impacted by COVID-19 to collect unemployment if their workplace is shut down and expects to reopen in four or fewer weeks. The following conditions apply:

Workers must remain in contact with their employer during the shutdown.

Workers must be available for any work their employer may have for them that they are able to do.

An employer may request to extend the period of the covered shut-down to eight weeks, and workers will remain eligible for the longer period under the same conditions described above.

If necessary, DUA may extend these time periods for workers and employers.

TECHNOLOGY ACCESS:

Free Internet through Comcast

Article: <https://lifehacker.com/comcast-is-offering-60-days-of-free-internet-for-low-income-1842312439>

Comcast site <https://www.internetessentials.com/Apply>

Comcast will offer 2 months free internet to low-income individuals. This might be helpful for some of our students that do not have internet access.

ComCast COVID-19 response: <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19> offers free WiFi for 2 months to low income families plus all Xfinity hot-spots are free to the public during this time

Free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access – call: 1-844-488-8395 (fees will be waived for new student households)

<https://www.channel3000.com/charter-offering-free-access-to-spectrum-wi-fi-for-students-learning-remotely/>

Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps.

Charter Free Internet offer for 2 months <https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more>

FCC agreement: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-363033A1.pdf> stating that providers will waive late fees, not cutoff service for lack of payment, and open hot-spots.

AT&T COVID-19 response: <https://www.verizon.com/about/news/our-response-coronavirus> : offers open hot-spots, unlimited data to existing customers, and \$10/month plans to low income families

Verizon COVID-19 response: <https://www.verizon.com/about/news/our-response-coronavirus> no special offers, but following the FCC agreement.

Sprint COVID-19 response: <https://newsroom.sprint.com/covid-19-updates-sprint-responds.htm> follows the FCC agreement, provides limited data to existing customers, and starting Tuesday, 3/17/2020, will allow all handsets to enable hot-spots for 60 days at no extra charge

T-Mobile COVID-19 response: <https://www.t-mobile.com/news/t-mobile-update-on-covid-19-response> follows the FCC agreement, plus unlimited data to existing customers and coming soon will allow all handsets to enable hot-spots for 60 days at no extra charge

TRANSITIONING TO ONLINE CLASSES:

5 Structures for Virtual School

[Ideas for Structuring Virtual School](#) (Tan Huynh)

This timely article concisely explains five elements of online instruction for language teachers.