



The Renaissance

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COMPUTERS!

It appears that the DOE has finally listed us on their Remote Learning Device Request form! They will be prioritizing students, so it may take a while to get a device, but you can fill out a request at: <https://coronavirus.schools.nyc/RemoteLearningDevices>
Our school is listed under "R" as Renaissance Charter School Q705

School Food:

Now EVERYONE can get FREE MEALS at many of our local schools including:

PS 69 -- 77-02 37th Ave.; PS 149 -- 93-11 34th Ave.; PS 148 -- 89-02 32nd Ave.
PS 398 -- 69-02 34th Ave.; PS 2 -- 75-10 21st Ave.; PS 12 -- 42-00 72nd St.

They ask that families with kids pick up meals between 7:30 am to 1:30 pm and adults from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm from Monday to Friday. Vegetarian and halal options available at all sites.

Education

- **Suspension of Elementary and Intermediate Level Assessments**
 - On March 20, New York State Education Department (NYSED) [announced](#) the suspension of elementary and intermediate-level assessments. This suspension, applies to the following New York State tests for the remainder of the school year:
 - New York State Grades 3-8 English Language Arts Test;
 - New York State Grades 3-8 Mathematics Test;
- [Teachers advice to help parents teach](#)

Here are some educational resources by subject:

ELA

- Free reading passages and Literacy Resources - <https://www.commonlit.org/>
- The Online Books Page <https://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/prize.html>
- [Writing Together, at Home and Online](#)
A sojourn at home can be the occasion for lots of creativity around topics and projects of interest.

MATH, SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Reading and math skills: <https://www.funbrain.com/>
- Computer Science: <https://code.org/>
- Science - <https://sciencebob.com/>
- 11 free math sites for kids: <https://blog.reallygoodstuff.com/11-free-math-sites-for-kids/>

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- Crash Course Kids - Science with a side of awesome - YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids/featured>
- Science website - free for 90 days - <https://www.smartsience.online/>
- Girls Who Code - The [Girls Who Code at Home curricula](#) will be available to download. <https://girlswhocode.com/>

SOCIAL STUDIES AND HISTORY

- 13.8 Billion years of history. Free. Online. Awesome <https://school.bighistoryproject.com/bhplive>
- YouTube Channel - Social Studies - <https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse/search?query=social+studies>
- Library of Congress - Social Studies website - <https://www.loc.gov/>
- World History Matters <http://worldhistorymatters.org/>
- Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History - Free US history resources to use at home <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/blog/new-free-family-website-subscription-provides-resources-and-guidance-remote-learning>
- **Bill of Rights Institute - Scholarship Contest: Deadline April 15, 2020** - What Does Civil Discourse Mean to You? Essay Contest - Ages 14-19 <https://billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/>
- **Plimoth Plantation** - Bring Plimoth Your Students! Support your student's Learning with Virtual K-12 Museum Workshops - Grades K-12 https://plimoth.org/plimoth-online?mc_cid=d2188644de&mc_eid=e7ee85032e

Recreational/Well Being

- For **Elementary** school students: Cosmic Yoga <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>
- For **Middle and High School** students : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Td6zFtZPkj4>
- Bored at Home? Here's a Massive List of Museums, Zoos, and Theme Parks Offering Virtual Tours <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/travel/a31784720/best-virtual-tours/>
- **Virtual Bronx Zoo! - Open for baby penguins, brain teasers, and more -** https://bronxzoo.com/the-zoo?qclid=CjwKCAjwvZv0BRA8EiwAD9T2VXNgAsMYrZmsPki9V9Ra2JmPL_0r4xVAHhaUX2ERESAFEuPs59jAKRoC9l8QAvD_BwE

Health & Safety

- If you believe you have symptoms but want to avoid Elmhurst Hospital, StatCare Urgent Care at 80-10 Northern Blvd (next to The Queensboro) is offering COVID-19 testing. Please do not walk-in. See the instructions provided on their website: <https://www.statcarewalkin.com/jackson-height-urgent-care-near-me-walk-in-medical-clinic-queens-ny-11732/>
- Info safety precautions https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/03/26/dont-panic-about-shopping-getting-delivery-or-accepting-packages/?utm_campaign=wp_week_in_ideas&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_ideas
- Easy no-sew face masks <https://masks4all.co/how-to-make-a-homemade-mask/>

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- The NY State of Health Department recently announced a Special Enrollment Period in response to Coronavirus through 4/15. Visit them at: <http://nystateofhealth.ny.gov> or call 1-855-355-5777 to check eligibility.

Employment:

[tips on filing](#) for unemployment. Call on the day that corresponds with your last name:

Monday: Last name beginning with A-F

Tuesday: Last name beginning with G-N

Wednesday: Last name beginning with O-Z

Thursday, Friday, Saturday: Anyone who missed their day.

Here's some extra guidance for [self employed individuals](#)

Access their website at <https://www.labor.ny.gov/home/>

Technology help

If you are having trouble logging on with a school chromebook:

1. First make sure you are logging in with the rencharter email.
2. Then you need to make sure that on whatever DEVICE you are using, any other gmail user or Google Classroom user is logged OUT.
3. Then you should be able to log in.

A lot of shared devices in a home means everyone must log out of what they are doing every time before someone else can login. If you are having a problem connecting to your personal WiFi:

1. Turn on the Chromebook (wait for the Chromebook to load).
2. Press on the keyboard Esc+Reload+Power (all at the same time).
3. In the Chrome Recovery Page, press **Ctrl+D** (at the same time) and then **Enter**.
4. In the screen with the red exclamation mark, press **SPACEBAR** once and then **Enter**.
5. This should reboot the Chromebook and you should be able to connect to your Wi-Fi

Administrative

It is important to Renaissance that you complete the Department of Education survey.. The deadline is April 8. If you need the code, you can send an email to pierinaarias@rencharter.org to request yours. Go to nycschoolssurvey.org, and search for parent survey.

We can't stress how important the census is now, to ensure our community gets the dollars it needs to support schools, infrastructure and more. Please fill out your census and be counted!

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