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A benefit to at-home learning....more family time. In this case 5th grader Christian Axilote is introducing his 11 month-old brother Matthew to a new kind of school!

Important Announcements

- Schools across New York will remain closed through the end of the school year, Gov. Andrew Cuomo
Friday. <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/resources/facecoverings.page>
- Starting May 6, the subway system will cease operations at 1 a.m. and resume service at 5 a.m., an unprecedented step that officials say is necessary to disinfect subway cars every day. Right now, workers are only disinfecting the cars once every 72 hours.
- **Governor Cuomo** announced the State's new guidelines to reopening New York safely on a regional basis. Each region of the state must follow twelve guidelines as part of the reopening plan. Read the full guidelines [here](#).
- **The NYC Board of Elections** rolled out nycabsentee.com, a website where voters can request an absentee ballot application. After submitting the request online, voters will receive their absentee ballot closer to the election.

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- There will be Parent Association meetings on Monday and Tuesday evening at 6PM, Monday in English and Tuesday in Spanish. Please see the emails sent out this past week for details and links to access meetings.

Family Wellness:

- Infant care Items, Diapers, wipes and formula, to be distributed at Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz' office. Thursday, **May 14th** 2:30 PM, first come, first serve
- New York City will hand out hundreds of thousands of free face masks, and is deploying more workers to step up enforcement of social distancing rules, Mayor Bill de Blasio said Thursday. The city will give out 100,000 cloth masks in parks across the five boroughs. <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/resources/facecoverings.page>
- **Mental Health Support New Yorkers Can Access While Staying Home**
 - Resources and a 24/7 hotline at nyc.gov/nycwell
 - A free resource guide for all New Yorkers as well as services tailored to the needs of aging New Yorkers, veterans, students and young people, and people harmed by violence, crime or abuse
: https://thrivenyc.cityofnewyork.us/mental_health_support_while_home

Education:

New York State Education Department (NYSED or “the Department”) is cancelling the August 2020 administration of the NYS High School Regents Examination Program in response to the extended statewide closures of schools and districts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Previously, on April 7, the Department announced the **cancellation of the June 2020 Regents Exams**. At that time the Department advised, “Any student who enrolls in summer school to make up failed course credit in a course leading to a Regents Examination and is subsequently granted such credit, shall be exempt from the culminating Regents Examination. Any questions about the exemptions from examination requirements or the effect of such exemptions on student qualification for a diploma should be directed to <mailto:emscgradreq@nysed.gov>.

For DACA Recipients: For help renewing your application call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 (we may even be able to help you out with the renewal fee).

Legal/Household Info

- **New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) launched a COVID-19 Legal Resource Hotline** to help NYC residents impacted by COVID-19 get answers to their legal questions. For assistance, call 929-356-9582, Monday to Friday from 10 am to 1 pm. For more information, [click here](#).
- **If you need Family Court lawyer, call LIFT's Helpline number at 212-343-1122.** They are a legal non-profit organization and can (remotely) help you with any issues that may come your way during this time.
- **The Freelancers Relief Fund [provides assistance of up to \\$1,000 per household to qualifying freelancers](#)** to cover lost income and essential expenses. Applicants will be asked to submit a detailed funding request outlining their needs.

At-Home Activities

- Please click on the follow link to see an awesome video from Global Kids [Life Under COVID-19: Perspectives From Our Youth](#)

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- Take the **New York Road Runners Virtual Challenge** by completing five Rising New York Road Runners activities weekly throughout the month of May. <https://mailchi.mp/ffe91bac75d1/virtual-challenge-2020?e=6b76e359d2>
- **Queens Public Library (QPL) Bilingual Storytimes:** Join QPL on Facebook Live as their librarians host bilingual storytimes in Bengali and Chinese. View them live on QPL's [Facebook page](#).
- **Epic!** is the Leading Digital Library for Kids 12 & Under Instantly access 40,000 of the best books, learning videos, quizzes & more <https://www.getepic.com/>
- **El Museo Del Barrio - Calendar of Online Events -** <https://www.elmuseo.org/events/>
- **American Young Voices - Free music content for students and teachers -** <http://e.americanyoungvoices.com/u/lp/AYV/t/c-1x-r8reMpKkud2gcvDv1-KRdmznXiye292-c92ox6n4/m/e/Free-Music.htm>
- **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/>

Additional Resources for Family Activities and Supports

This list of [additional resources](#) for families is now available on the NYC Dept. of Education's [Early Childhood Learn at Home page](#) and consists of digital/online resources that offer fun, new experiences for families and provide ways to receive content for children right to a family's device. The list also shares information related to City programs that provide support and resources for family and child well-being; some ideas for adult self-care; and ways to support children's understanding and feelings of security during this time.

The activities and experiences listed are aimed to be fun and to promote learning -- especially the kind that takes place during families' everyday routines. Encourage your families to choose the activities and platforms that work for them and for their child.

There are also NYC Jobs available

- [Supervising Contact Tracer](#)
- [Contact Tracer I](#)
- [Contact Tracer II](#)
- [Contract Specialist](#)
- [Project Coordinator](#)
- [IT Help Desk Technician](#)
- [Mobile Device Management Technician](#)
- [Public Health Advisor I](#)
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