

## RESOURCES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES

**FAU CARD** Guide regarding the Corona Virus: <https://www.flipsnack.com/FAUCARD/parent-resource-guide.html>. Includes resources and a social story for children and other good things.

Comic story for kids to understand the virus:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>

**University of Miami** Social Story regarding the virus: [http://umcard.org/files/3915/8422/3594/COVID-19\\_Social\\_Narrative.pdf](http://umcard.org/files/3915/8422/3594/COVID-19_Social_Narrative.pdf) or video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkZ23tDzN4c&feature=youtu.be>

Mini Schedule or Visual Task List:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b0edb3f266c07458c681630/t/5e71670f7e311f4e19b56056/1584490255955/using+checklist+with+blank+templates.pdf>

Autism Speaks:

- <https://www.autismspeaks.org/science-news/how-handle-clinical-care-during-social-distancing-and-school-program-closures>
- <https://youtu.be/IFTx7VaHtTI>
- Friendship Circle Virtual: Virtual classes for individuals with special needs - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/210303023392193/>
- Yachad, National Jewish Council for Disabilities: <https://www.yachad.org/yachadondemand>

National Down Syndrome Society:

- [https://www.ndss.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Coronavirus\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_-1.pdf](https://www.ndss.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Coronavirus_Fact_Sheet_-1.pdf)
- <https://www.ndss.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-Update-from-NDSS-FINAL.pdf>

Deaf Resources:

- CDC develops 9 new video resources on COVID-19 topics in American Sign Language
  - [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvvp9iOILTQatwnqm61jqFrsfUB4RKh6J&deliveryName=USCDC\\_1054\\_DM25920](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvvp9iOILTQatwnqm61jqFrsfUB4RKh6J&deliveryName=USCDC_1054_DM25920)

Social-Recreational Programs:

- **Exceptional Ensembl HandBell Choir Family Style** – fun interactive music therapy sessions.
  - 4 classes for \$60 (1 class a week), led by a certified Music Therapist.
  - Monday's at 10 AM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM.
  - Email [ExceptionalEnsembl@gmail.com](mailto:ExceptionalEnsembl@gmail.com) for a free online introductory session.
  - [www.exceptionalensbell.org](http://www.exceptionalensbell.org) to register.
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- **JAFCO Children’s Ability Center:** daily virtual activities provided by instructors from the Ability Center [Live Stream & Virtual Classes](#)
- **Levi’s JCC Helene & Roy Schwedelson Special Needs Department,** virtual events, classes and Sunday School [alil@levisjcc.org](mailto:alil@levisjcc.org) and <https://levisjcc.org/ourjathome/specialneeds/>
- **Yachad, National Jewish Council for Disabilities:** <https://www.yachad.org/yachadondemand>

Interesting articles:

<https://www.verywellhealth.com/how-to-calm-a-child-with-autism-4177696>

<https://www.wikilawn.com/blog/landscaping/create-safe-sensory-friendly-backyard-landscape-special-needs-child/>

<https://childmind.org/article/treating-sensory-processing-issues/>

<https://blog.teacherspayteachers.com/10-social-emotional-activities-for-home/>

5 Things to know about the Corona Virus and People with Disabilities:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/andrewpulang/2020/03/08/5-things-to-know-about-coronavirus-and-people-with-disabilities/#5275d1391d21>

RespectAbility – Great resources for webinars, film/movie/television industry and much more:

<https://www.respectability.org/>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/on-parenting/a-time-of-unprecedented-fear-for-parents-of-adults-with-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities/2020/04/02/9c195416-7295-11ea-87da-77a8136c1a6d\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/on-parenting/a-time-of-unprecedented-fear-for-parents-of-adults-with-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities/2020/04/02/9c195416-7295-11ea-87da-77a8136c1a6d_story.html)