

Student Engagement during COVID-19

Academic-based Community Engagement – Virtual Service Opportunities

⇒ Social Interaction & Connectedness

Connecting with residents of shelters and nursing homes to:

- Create and send birthday cards
- Write encouraging letters
- Become a pen pal with a resident
- Create and send care packages
- Record a performance or workshop, examples include painting, crafting, planting, cooking, etc.

⇒ Education and Awareness

Create a listing of resources to share with your family, friends, colleagues, and local community organizations. Build a list of online resources for:

- Tutoring/mentoring opportunities for children
- Online/distant learning resources for parents
- Virtual learning opportunities for Adult learners (ESL classes, Citizenship exam classes, etc.)
- Building a list of resources for local small businesses to obtain information about what relief is available during COVID-19
- Build a list of activities to help promote positive mental health during COVID-19

⇒ Advocacy and Civics

Taking online action:

- Follow legislators on social media & tag them in tweets or posts for issues you are advocating for
- Search for advocacy groups and nonprofits listed on social media platforms. Most have links and instructions to email legislators on their websites.
- Share educational and advocacy content via social media
- Host a virtual conversation with your colleagues and friends to discuss local issues and ways to address issues
- Create a virtual community of friends and colleagues to participate in healthy activities or professional development
 - Examples: meditation, healthy eating, mindfulness, exercise, communication styles, professional email writing, professional attire, resume writing, etc.

⇒ Research & Data Mining

- Conducting background research or gathering best practices or other information requested by partner(s)
- Undertaking assessment, evaluation, or feedback via phone or web-based services
- Offering (or compiling, researching, or brainstorming) strategies that provide indirect support from volunteers as a result of coronavirus

⇒ Other Creative Activities

- Creating deliverables for a community partner organization, such as digital media or social media content, print materials, or other information-sharing products
- Taping, recording, or streaming performances or workshops to benefit community partner(s)