This is a listing of resources for families to use with their students in the case that school is closed due to Covid-19. If you do find yourself at home with your child, what better time to spend together communicating and learning with their AAC device. The resources below may be discussing different layouts or language systems though all of them are communication!

<u>Pattan Project</u> - These are modules to help professionals learn how to use AAC https://www.pattan.net/Assistive-Technology/AT-for-Communication/POWER-AAC Modules 6, 7, 8, 10 may be especially helpful.

<u>Only God Could Hear Me</u> - Full Movie, make some popcorn and watch this full movie where AAC users are the stars! Talking about their lives. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2r9pvtNTx4k

<u>Tips and Ideas for Using AAC at home</u> - Even if your device or system looks different, there are some great ideas here! <u>Language opportunities for using AAC at home</u>

<u>AAC CORE Classroom</u> - The account is free, and gives many ideas for using AAC to communicate. The 5-minute fillers and AAC at home are some good resources. https://www.assistiveware.com/blog/language-opportunities-using-aac-home

<u>Getting started with AAC</u>. Free - 3 interactive e-Book series available on iOS - or the web. Really easy to read - designed for families rather than professionals. Available from https://aacbooks.net

<u>PraacticalAAC.org</u> - This blog has many suggestions of activities for AAC users and their families.

https://praacticalaac.org/

<u>Using a Device in the Home</u> - This handout gives some tips on communicating and modeling. https://www.aacandautism.com/assets/uploads/Using-a-Device-in-the-Home.pdf

<u>Activities for AAC</u> - Activities centered around target words, even if you don't have the books listed, these words can be found in many other places.

• Implementation Activities - AAC GC & Speech Devices from PRC

<u>Project Core's modules</u> Learn more about modeling and using your student's AAC. http://www. Youproject-core.com/professional-development-modules/

<u>STAR</u> - Training for those supporting AAC users. May be fun for siblings, and they can earn a certificate! https://ctecaac.org/star/login.php?page=index.php

<u>Binge Watch Party - Speechless</u> - It is currently streaming on Hulu, a TV show where the star is an AAC user, and his mom is a fierce advocate.

https://www.hulu.com/series/speechless-b6Parent was provided an electronic copy

IRIS - Section 2.2 and all of section 3 may be of interest. Learning about communicating with students who have more complex needs. http://complexneeds.org.uk/ChooseModule.aspx

<u>Social Stories</u> - Ways to talk to your student about Covid-19 https://theautismeducator.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Corona-Virus-Free-Printable-.pdf

https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Blue-Emotions-Social-Story-Freebie-4490880

https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Something-Hurts-Social-Story-for-AutismNonverbal-Sick-3011307

Problems with the device?

What a good time for something to go wrong! Here are contacts for major AAC companies, they are happy to help! There are many resources for troubleshooting, videos, and even online communities of people who get it...users and families!

<u>Tobii Dynavox</u> (Snap Core First, Communicator 5, Snap Scene)

- Free on-demand webinars (for CEUs): learn.tobiidynavox.com
- More webinars: https://www.tobiidynavox.com/en-US/support-training/webinars/
- MyTobiiDynavox for Core Boards, activities and other resources: www.mytobiidynavox.com/
- Getting Started for devices: https://www.tobiidynavox.com/en-US/support-training/getting-started/
- Pathways for Core First for lesson plans, goals and other resources:
 https://www.tobiidynavox.com/en-US/software/free-resources/pathways-for-core-first/
- Boardmaker Activities to Go are free: https://goboardmaker.com/collections/boardmaker-activities-to-go
- COVID19 resources:
 - o <u>Handwashing</u>
 - o What is Coronavirus?
 - How to not catch and spread the coronavirus
 - o COVID19 Vocabulary
 - PCS symbols for coronavirus have been created and released. These will be available in Snap Core First and Boardmaker Online
 - Coronavirus Topic is available for Snap Core First users at <u>myTobiiDynavox</u>
- Technical Support: 800.344.1778
- Chicagoland Consultants:
 - Adam Slota (Pediatrics)
 - **224.221.7042**

- adam.slota@tobiidynavox.com
- McKenzie Mok (Adults)
 - **816.510.8472**
 - mckenzie.mok@tobiidynavox.com

PRC (Unity, LAMP Words For Life, Unidad, WordPower, Essence)

- Free on-demand webinars HERE.
- Free and paid live webinars HERE
- Caregiver and therapy resources: https://www.prentrom.com/caregivers
- Additional implementation resources on www.aaclanguagelab.com
 - Low-tech communication boards <u>HERE</u>.
 - AAC Literacy Planner and more HERE.
- LAMP Words for Life: www.aacandautism.com and www.aacapps.com
- Statement on Covid-19: https://www.prc-saltillo.com/covid-19
- PRC Technical Support
 - Live chat: https://www.prentrom.com/chat
 - o Phone: 800-262-1990
 - Email: service@prentrom.com
- PRC Social Media
 - YouTube
 - Facebook <u>PRC</u>, <u>Accent Users</u>, <u>LAMP WFL users</u>
- Funding Support
 - o <u>www.aacfunding.com</u>
 - AAC Funding Toolkit Tour
 - 0 800-268-5224
- Consultant Support:
 - Jenny Vallier
 - o jennifer.vallier@prentrom.com
 - o 312-848-6902

Saltillo (Includes TouchChat)- Many other resources and help!

- Recorded webinars: https://saltillo.com/videos/x/webinar/en
- Low-tech communication boards: https://saltillo.com/chatcorner/content/29
- Chat Corner (resources, Active with AAC): https://saltillo.com/chatcorner
- AAC Language Lab (lesson plans, activities): https://aaclanguagelab.com/
- How to clean and disinfect your Saltillo device
- Saltillo Support
 - https://saltillo.com/support
 - o Phone: 800-382-8622
 - Email: service@saltillo.com
 - o Live chat: https://saltillo.com/livechat
- TouchChat Support:
 - https://touchchatapp.com/

- Technical support: support@touchchatapp.com
- Saltillo Social Media
 - YouTube
 - o Facebook
 - o <u>Instagram</u>
- Funding Support
 - o www.aacfunding.com
 - AAC Funding Toolkit Tour
 - 0 800-268-5224
- Consultant Support:
 - o Liz Heisler
 - o liz.heisler@saltillo.com
 - 0 309-445-5302

https://www.tobiidynavox.com/en-US/support-training/

AssistiveWare (Makers of Proloquo) - https://www.assistiveware.com/support, join online communities while you are there!

AbleNet Webinars (Live and Recorded) Helpful for parents and clinicians:

https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/live webinars

Some Parent suggestions of webinars to check out:

Play Games, Role-Play, Drama and Movement Activities to Build the Brain
Creative Story-telling and Story-building Strategies to Build Attention, Self-regulation and
Imagination of Young Learners

Reading Resources:

https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html