



Special Edition

Parents Newsletter

Resources for parents and child caregivers

WHAT SCHOOLS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COMMUNICATING WITH A FACE MASK

Face masks can make communication difficult for deaf and hard of hearing students, faculty, and staff at school.

National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes (NDC) talks about those issues and offers some tips [here](#).



MASS EYE AND EAR RESOURCES STUDENTS AND PARENTS



- In-school learning
- Online learning
- Clear masks

Click [here](#) to see the website.

EFFECTS OF FACE COVERINGS & REMOTE MICROPHONE TECHNOLOGY ON SPEECH PERCEPTION IN THE CLASSROOM

Does your child use hearing aids and/or cochlear implants in the classroom?

To read a paper about how much face coverings (with and without remote microphones) affect speech understanding in the classroom - click [here](#).



ENGLISH-ASL VIDEO DICTIONARY - FREE THROUGH 8/31/20



Gallaudet University Press is making this English-ASL video dictionary for kids available **FREE** online through August 31.

Visit <https://gcdasl.com/>.

ASL IT! CLASSES ON ZOOM

Boston Children's Hospital Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program is offering ASL It! classes via Zoom:

- Second Saturday morning of the month
- August - November

Next class is August 8.

Classes for families of children ages 0-6 or in elementary & middle school.
Email Katie McCarthy at: katie.mccarthy@childrens.harvard.edu



Boston Children's Hospital

Ava's Cheat Sheet

Usher syndrome is one of the leading causes of deaf-blindness that affects hearing, vision and balance. Every person with Usher syndrome progresses at different rates.

Ava's Team

(Insert names/emails for all members)

- Me
- Mom & Dad
- Case Manager
- Classroom Teacher
- Paraprofessional
- Teacher of the Deaf (TOD)
- Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI)
- Orientation & Mobility Instructor (O&M)

What you should know

While I receive benefit from my cochlear implants and communicate verbally I still struggle to hear. Using my FM System is important to me. I love to learn and don't want to miss out on what you are saying so I may need you to repeat things. Sometimes I may need materials made visually accessible, but not always. I love to play sports and read! Please don't be afraid to ask questions.

The A's of Ava

- Avid reader
- Always a competition
- Athlete
- Artist
- Advocate
- Anything is possible

Toolbox

- Cochlear Implants
- FM System
- Cane

Helpful links

Usher Syndrome Coalition
<https://www.usher-syndrome.org>
 Educational Considerations for Students with Usher syndrome
<https://nationaldb.org/library/page/2700>
 FM System
https://youtu.be/RBmvGKLE_Q

Learn More

www.avasvoice.org



READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL?

Will children be learning in-person, online or both this fall?

Be prepared and make a cheat sheet for teacher(s) about your child's needs, interests and best communication strategies.

See "cheat sheet" examples here:

- [Ava's Voice](#)
- [My Battle Call](#)
- [Success for Kids with Hearing Loss](#)



OTHER CAMP INFORMATION

ANOTHER CAMP RESOURCE - DEAF CAMPS, INC.



This organization is dedicated to providing fun, safe, communication-rich camps that promote the physical, spiritual, and social development of deaf/hard of hearing children and children learning American Sign Language.

Click [here](#) to visit their website.

CAMP SOL OF THE DEAF

Virtual camp dates:

- 8/17/2020
- 8/18/2020
- 8/19/2020
- 8/20/2020
- 8/21/2020

Need more information?

- ✓ Click [here](#) to read about the program.
- ✓ Register [here](#).



2020 virtual SUMMER CAMP

Youths (age 9-12) Time: 9 am to 12:30 pm
Teens (age 13-17) Time: -1 pm to -4 pm

Admission Cost: **free**

Online platform: Zoom
Zoom ID: 3997838712

AUGUST 17 - 21

SUMMER CAMP INFO
The camp encourages social distancing by offering a five days online camp focusing on the age from 9-17 years olds.

What you'll learn:
Class Details

- 1) You will engage with BIPOC presenters
- 2) Art & Crafts
- 3) Communication Skills
- 4) Leadership skills
- 5) Hand on Activities

For more information about the summer camp, visit our website:
www.campsolofthedeaf.com
For registration, please contact us via email csdnj2016@gmail.com:

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