



# AT for Visual Impairment Including Blindness Quick Guide: COVID-19



## General Guidance

Students who have a visual impairment or blindness receive information through multiple means including auditory, visual, and/or tactilely. Assistive technology and built-in instructional supports provide them with the access they need to live, learn, and play in their educational environment.

It is important to note, the AT or built-in instructional supports typically should be used to support the student regardless of their environment.

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### Padlet

#### Accessible Online Environments

<https://idahoat.padlet.org/idahoat1/a18qe8psqt15>

#### AT and Instructional Supports Students with Visual Impairments Including Blindness

<https://idahoat.padlet.org/idahoat1/svg55ksw68ok>

Support	Considerations
<p><b>Targeted National Supports</b></p> <p>Where can I access national information focused on COVID educational supports?</p>	<p><b>American Foundation for the Blind (AFB):</b> <a href="#">Remote Instruction and Services for Blind and Low Vision Participants</a></p> <p><b>American Printing House (APH):</b> <a href="https://www.aph.org/">https://www.aph.org/</a></p>
<p><b>General Accessibility</b></p> <p>How do my students access instruction and instructional materials in an online environment?</p>	<p><b>Screen Readers:</b> <u>Make sure the video conferencing or distance learning platform you are using is accessible to screen readers and other assistive technology devices individuals may be utilizing.</u></p> <p>Zoom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Zoom Accessibility</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Using JAWS with Zoom review from Perkins School for the Blind</a></li> </ul> <p>Skype</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Skype Accessibility Information</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Skype for Screen Reader Users</a></li> </ul> <p>Google</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Google Accessibility</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Using Google Hangouts Chat with a Screen Reader</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Google Classroom and Jaws</a></li> </ul> <p>Microsoft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Microsoft Accessibility</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Using a Screen Reader to Navigate Microsoft Teams</a></li> </ul> <p><i>Screen Readers</i></p> <p><a href="#">JAWS</a> <a href="#">NVDA</a> <a href="#">Dolphin SuperNova Magnification and Screen Reader</a></p> <p><i>Notetakers</i></p> <p><a href="#">BrailleSenseU2</a> <a href="#">BrailleSense U2 QWERTY</a></p> <p><i>Braille Displays</i></p> <p><a href="#">Brailliant BI 40 braille display</a> <a href="#">Brailliant 80 braille display</a></p>



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	<p><b>Described and Captioned Media Program (DCMP):</b> Over 8,000 free captioned and described educational videos. Educational content is carefully customized to serve the needs of K-12 students, as well as adult students studying to meet the needs of blind and deaf students. <a href="https://dcmp.org/">https://dcmp.org/</a></p>
<p><b>Assistive Technology</b></p> <p><b>What are some types of AT can my students use?</b></p>	<p><i>Apps</i> <a href="#">SeeingAI</a> <a href="#">BeMyEyes</a> <a href="#">MBraile</a></p> <p><i>Magnifer Devices</i> <a href="#">GoVision</a> <a href="#">Maxi-Brite</a></p> <p><i>Magnification Software</i> <a href="#">Dolphin SuperNova Magnification and Screen Reader</a> <a href="#">ZoomText</a></p> <p>Built-in Device Access (screen reading, magnification, display color and contrast, speech) <a href="#">Windows 10</a> <a href="#">iPads and iPhones</a> <a href="#">Android</a> <a href="#">Apple- Macs</a></p> <p><i>AT Training and Online Resources</i> <a href="#">Hadley Series</a> <a href="#">Perkins- Virtual Classroom Activities</a> <a href="#">AT Home with APH Resources</a></p>
<p><b>Resources</b></p>	<p><b>State</b></p> <p>Idaho SESTA <a href="https://idahosesta.org/">https://idahosesta.org/</a></p> <p>Idaho Assistive Technology Project AT Lending Libraries <a href="https://idahoot.org/">https://idahoot.org/</a> <a href="https://idaho.at4all.com/">https://idaho.at4all.com/</a></p> <p>Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind: <a href="https://www.iesdb.org/">https://www.iesdb.org/</a></p> <p>Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired <a href="http://www.icbvi.state.id.us/">http://www.icbvi.state.id.us/</a></p> <p>Idaho Training Clearing House Assistive Technology: <a href="https://idahotc.com/Topics/A-M/Assistive-Technology1?page13535=1&amp;size13535=6">https://idahotc.com/Topics/A-M/Assistive-Technology1?page13535=1&amp;size13535=6</a></p> <p>Visual Impairment Including Blindness Guidance <a href="https://www.sde.idaho.gov/sped/sped-manual/files/chapters/chapter-4-evaluation-and-eligibility/Visual-Impairment-Including-Blindness-Guidance.pdf">https://www.sde.idaho.gov/sped/sped-manual/files/chapters/chapter-4-evaluation-and-eligibility/Visual-Impairment-Including-Blindness-Guidance.pdf</a></p> <p>Idaho National Deaf/Blind Equipment Distribution Program (iCan Connect Idaho) <a href="https://idahoot.org/consults/db-program">https://idahoot.org/consults/db-program</a></p> <p>Children and Youth with Deaf-Blindness <a href="https://idahocdh.org/Projects/CYDB">https://idahocdh.org/Projects/CYDB</a></p>



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