



Welcome to the new issue of *Things to do While You're at Home*. The VEQ team is still working hard to ensure community members stay informed, and have the latest updates during these difficult times.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/VoiceofEnglishspeakingQuebec>

Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, or require assistance. We will do our very best to get you what you need, or point you in the right direction.

—From the team at VEQ

For Kids And Kids At Heart

Play and Learn Science App – PBS Kids

Play with shadows, control the weather, roll and slide objects down a ramp, choose the best materials for an umbrella – all while building science inquiry skills and learning core science concepts.

<https://pbskids.org/apps/play-and-learn-science-.html>

Want to see a tiger in your living room?

Using your phone or tablet, type in an animal, for example: Tiger, in the Google search field. If the animal you typed in is available for 3D viewing, it will show up in a box and will say: Meet a life-sized dog up close. Click on View in 3D. Then, you can click View in your space, and watch the magic happen.

<https://www.google.com/>

Volunteering

Survey - Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians

Statistics Canada's ongoing survey on the Impacts of COVID-19 on Canadians will provide insight into the challenges Canadians face as the COVID-19 situation evolves in the country; particularly in terms of the current economic and social situation, as well as on people's physical and mental health.

<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/survey/household/5311-COVID-19>

Education and Personal Development

Usito

A French, online dictionary created by the University of Sherbrooke

<https://usito.usherbrooke.ca/>

Canada Learning Code

Want to start teaching your kid(s) how to code but not sure how to get started? Check out our Quick Start Guide (a digital book to get ready to introduce students to code)!

<https://www.canadalearningcode.ca/teaching-code/>

Free EBooks

A library of close to 50,000 free eBooks

<https://manybooks.net/>

Khan Academy

Offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom.

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

The Festival of Literary Diversity (FOLD)

A free virtual festival of panel discussions, workshops and networking events for aspiring, emerging and established writers. Topics include: "Breaking Down Poetry," "Translation Duel," "Podcasting Masterclass," "The Process of Publishing," and many others. Registration required.

<https://thefoldcanada.org/festival-events/the-festival-of-literary-diversity/event-details-tickets/>

Resources, Information and Social Assistance

Economic Development and Assistance Program – COVID 19 measures - MRC de la Jacques-Cartier

Emergency Assistance Program for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses

Aims to support, for a limited period, eligible businesses who are experiencing financial difficulties due to COVID-19 and who need cash under \$ 50,000:

<https://mrc.jacques-cartier.com/aide-urgence-aux-pme/>

Webinar on assistance program and measures for businesses (French):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NW3KESbz4ck>

Step up to the plate — Help feed Canadians

Many Canadians have seen their jobs affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Now is the time to take advantage of the many employment opportunities available in the agriculture and agri-food sector.

<http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/canadian-agri-food-sector/step-up-to-the-plate-help-feed-canadians/>

Just For Fun

Visit the world from your home

NASA Live – Official stream of NASA TV

Direct from America's space program to YouTube, watch NASA TV live streaming here to get the latest from our exploration of the universe and learn how we discover our home planet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21X5IGIDOfg>

EarthCam

A compendium of different live cams from all around the world.

<https://www.earthcam.com/>

Online Jigsaw Puzzles

You can even upload your own image!

<https://www.jigsawexplorer.com/>

A little humor

Boredpanda

<https://www.boredpanda.com/coronavirus-quarantine-covid-19-jokes/>

“If Google was a Guy – Quarantine edition”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aliY82008tk>

“Covid-19: Humour to get us through”

University of Saskatchewan—Quarantine teacher singer video/Where’s Waldo/And more...

<https://medicine.usask.ca/facultydev/Wellness/covid-19---humour-to-get-us-through.php>

Ever wonder what it would look like if adults acted like children?

<https://www.facebook.com/melissa.d.pateras/videos/10156929979747161>

“Jokes in the Time of Covid” -- ChicagoReader.com/Art & Culture

<https://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/covid-19-jokes/Content?oid=78640318>

“What Happens When a Joke is followed by Silence”

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2020/04/jokes-comedy-coronavirus-covid19-audience/609541/>

“Comedy in the Times of Covid 19: How Canadian Comics are Making us Laugh”

<https://www.cbc.ca/comedy/comedy-in-the-time-of-covid-19-how-canadian-comics-are-making-us-laugh-1.5506831>