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## **Wonderopolis® free online learning alternative for coronavirus closures**

**Louisville, KY (March 13, 2020)**—The COVID-19 virus has prompted increased safety measures across the country, including the closing of an increasing number of school districts. As of today, over 1,500 schools have closed or are scheduled to close, affecting over one million students, according to *Education Week*.

As parents and educators search for alternative resources during these closures, digital tools can offer solutions.

[Wonderopolis®](#), a digital property of the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL), is a free online learning resource visited by 13 million students, teachers, and parents annually. Each day, the site invites visitors to explore an intriguing question about the world around us.

Its goal is to inspire curiosity that leads to deeper learning. Each Wonder of the Day® includes a series of fun and engaging online and offline activities. In as little as 30 minutes a day, these activities reinforce the content learned, while building background knowledge and vocabulary skills. With multi-disciplinary content that purposefully aligns with educational standards, the STEM Educational Quality Framework, and Bloom's Digital Taxonomy, Wonderopolis easily integrates into K-12 curriculums across the country.

In 2019, Wonderopolis became the first nonprofit entity to feature Microsoft's Immersive Reader, a new technology that expands content accessibility through a variety of reading assistance features. With Immersive Reader, Wonderopolis' content is translatable into more than 60 languages via text and text-to-speech. Content also includes language-specific accents, line focusing, text resizing, syllable breakdown, parts of speech identification, and a picture dictionary. Students can easily engage with Wonderopolis content individually regardless of their location or background.

“Wonderopolis is such a dynamic and powerful tool for individual learning,” said NCFL President and Founder Sharon Darling. “Students can learn in their own language at their own pace, building vocabulary skills and background knowledge that is vital to succeeding in today’s world. This free resource has great potential for families and students outside of the classroom.”

During scheduled breaks, inclement weather, or illnesses such as COVID-19, Wonderopolis can ensure that quality learning continues. For more information about Wonderopolis, visit [Wonderopolis.org](#).

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**About Wonderopolis**

Wonderopolis.org was created by the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) in 2010, and has become one of the most popular education websites today. In addition to containing more than 2,000 unique Wonders of the Day, users have submitted over 65,000 comments and **130,000 Wonder questions**, with more than one million visiting the website each month. Wonderopolis has been featured by top media outlets across the country, and in 2011 was named *TIME* magazine's "[50 Top Websites](#)."

**About the National Center for Families Learning**

The National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) is a national nonprofit that works to eradicate poverty through education solutions for families. Partnering with educators, literacy advocates, and policymakers, NCFL develops and provides programming, professional development, and resources from the classroom to the community that empower and raise families to achieve their potential. For more information on NCFL, visit [familieslearning.org](http://familieslearning.org).

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