

## **COVID-19 Preparedness Guide for Caregivers**

If you or your loved ones find yourself struggling to find back-up or alternative child or elder care options, below are some resources to assist you:

### **Child and Elder Caregiver Resources**

#### **Sittercity.com**

Sitter City is a nationwide website connecting families with local caregivers for children, seniors, and the disabled in their area. This nationwide organization allows access to detailed information about providers including photos, background checks, education background, prior employment experience, and customer's reviews or comments. Registration is completed online. Fees may vary based on your location. The annual program costs approximately \$90 per year. The monthly program costs approximately \$35 per month. A free 7-day trial membership may be available. All pricing and promotions are subject to change.

Please note, to support those impacted by COVID-19, Sittercity is reducing its monthly membership fee for new members by 50% at this time. For more information, visit their website [here](#).

#### **Care.com**

Care.com is a national online registry of senior care and childcare providers for families who are seeking assistance locating providers. Basic membership is free and allows users to view and post jobs, receive newsletters with tips or advice, and access content on care-related topics. If a user would like detailed information on caregivers such as background check information and references, users must upgrade to a premium registration. Please note that pricing information is subject to change.

Please note, currently Care.com is providing 30 days of free, premium access to our site to Healthcare workers, for more information, Visit their website [here](#)

### **Child Caregiver Resources**

Here are some ideas to help plan for back-up childcare:

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- Download the Next Door app and see if there's any Parenting or Child Care Co-ops in your area. For example, some neighborhood might have a group of 5 parents hosts the group of kids one day out of each week. This allows each family to have 4 days of childcare without any out of pocket expenses. This may be a great resource to brainstorm with other neighbors or friends in the area who find themselves needing emergency childcare.
- Talk to your manager. More than likely there are many people in the same situation and employers may be more willing to work with you on alternative options such as bringing your child(ren) to work, shifting your work hours, or working from home.
- Connect with your colleagues to brainstorm alternative childcare options.
- Reach out to any friends, neighbors, or families with older teenagers or college students. Many school and universities across the country have closed and this may provide an alternate option to have students on break provide childcare.
- Look at website such as Care.com and Sittercity.com, who have caregivers available in many communities across the country who can offer backup care.
- Contact local churches
- Connect with groups such as [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com)
- Look on local Facebook parenting forums
- Search for local community message boards

### **A Nanny on the Net**

A Nanny on the Net is a national service with 37 offices throughout the United States. Families may use their website to find local nanny agencies who may be able to provide back up child care options. For more information, please visit the website [here](#)

### **College Nannies, Sitters & Tutors**

College Nannies, Sitters and Tutors offers Nanny care and babysitting services and has multiple locations throughout the United States. You may visit their website [here](#) for more information and to find a nanny agency in your area.

### **Online Learning and Educational Websites for Children**

#### **Scholastic Learn at Home**

The scholastic Learn at Home program offers free educational resources to children in all grade levels. Resources include articles, stories, videos and fun learning challenges. For more information, please visit the website [here](#)

#### **Khan Academy**

Khan Academy offers free online educational resources for children in all grade levels. For more information please visit their website [here](#)

#### **National Geographic Kids**

National Geographic Kids offers free online games, videos and quizzes for elementary aged children. For more information, please visit their website [here](#)

#### **BrainPop**

BrainPop offers free distance learning plans for students. They are currently waiving any fees to access their educational resources. For more information, please visit their website [here](#)

### **Elder Caregiver Resources**

#### **Home Instead**

Home Instead is a private-pay home health agency specializing in companion care services for seniors and the disabled. Companion services include bathing, grooming, meal preparation, laundry, and light housekeeping. To learn more about their franchise locations, please visit their [website](#).

#### **Visiting Angels**

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### **National Association of Area Agencies on Aging**

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging offers an Agency locator on their website to help locate your local Area Agency on Aging. Area Agencies on Aging offer information on local programs such as Meals on Wheels, transportation and caregiver support. For more information, please visit their website [here](#)

*This guide provides referrals to resources. It does not endorse or recommend the resource providers. While every effort is made to maintain current provider information, information may change without notice.*