Resources for Online and Face-to-Face Learning Environments

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Excellent resources for educators and parents:

- NSTA: Safety for Hands-on STEM Home Instruction
- NSTA: Safety Recommendations for Opening the New School Year
- ACTE: Planning for a COVID-19-Impacted School Year (See pages 40-43).

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