Remote Delivery Options for Service Providers

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With many service providers currently facing cancellation of in-person program delivery, and office closures, we have had a few requests for tech resources for alternate remote delivery options. We understand that for some programs this may not be an option, and that for some learner's computer literacy and access to computers may prevent the utilization of remote delivery. For those who may find remote delivery appropriate for their learner groups we have compiled a short list of alternate program delivery methods.

Synchronous Tools

Google Hangouts Meet and Google Classroom
https://gsuite.google.com/products/meet/?_ga=2.146699700.-1274359024.1584382161
https://edu.google.com/products/classroom/?modal_active=none
Video conferencing and video classrooms, free access to extra features during COVID-19 period:
https://cloud.google.com/blog/products/g-suite/helping-businesses-and-schools-stay-connected-in-response-to-coronavirus

Webex
https://www.webex.com/training-online.html
Share presentations, stream webinars, and encourage participation using tools like whiteboard and chat.

Zoom
https://zoom.us/meetings
Free account for video conferencing and webinars—unlimited meetings between two participants, limited to 40 minute meetings with more than two participants.

Asynchronous Tools

Audacity
https://www.audacityteam.org/
A free website to create podcasts. You can download the audio files in various formats to post/send to learners.

Camtasia
https://www.techsmith.com/video-editor.html
Camtasia 2019 makes it simple to record and create professional-looking videos on Windows and Mac. Free trial but charges apply for subscriptions.

ESL Library
https://www.esllibrary.com/
Paid subscription service. The basic plan is for printable lessons, but if you already have access to a paid Standard account, they are currently offering a free upgrade to Plus during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The extra features allow you to project a class activity live, which students can access on a cell phone, tablet, or computer.

Flipgrid
https://info.flipgrid.com/
A social learning platform that allows students to respond to a discussion topic or questions. Learners can then respond to each other in a discussion format.

Google Forms
https://www.google.ca/forms/about/
Create surveys or quizzes that are compatible on multiple devices. Easily integrates into Google accounts, and results can be downloaded and compiled.

Moodle
https://moodle.org/
Moodle is a free, online Learning Management system enabling educators to create their own private website filled with dynamic courses that extend learning, anytime, anywhere.

Padlet
https://padlet.com/dashboard
An online platform for compiling ideas and responses. Learners can post from all devices when given a link. Learners do not need an account to participate.

Socrative
https://socrative.com/
You can create quizzes for free and give the students a link to your "classroom." Students can easily access the site from a cell phone or other device with internet. The instructor can choose when to launch and activity and the length of time it will be active. Following completion, the results can be downloaded as an Excel document.

TypeForm
https://www.typeform.com/
A free trial allows you to create 3 surveys/quizzes for up to 100 participants each. You can start with one of their free templates and send a link to learners (compatible with computer, tablet, and cell phones)

YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/
Free video sharing platform, doesn't offer live engagement or live streaming options.