The New Normal:
Using OER to re-open education

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Open educational resources are teaching materials, such as textbooks, for which copyright restrictions are minimized with an open-copyright licence.

Covid is hard.

Working from home is hard.

Switching to and learning how to teach online is hard.

OER can help. Here's how.

Saves instructors time and money:

- No need to gain permission—or pay—to use, print, distribute OER
- Easy to circulate among an unlimited number of students

Cash-strapped students save money:

- Online versions are free to students (and instructors)
- No access code needed
- No expiration date

Ideal for working from home:

- OER is online
- Printed options are available too

Grants freedom in a time of constraints:

- May use without fear of copyright infringement
- Can change content to suit student needs, teaching method, curriculum

Fights isolation:

- Everyone can be included for content additions, updates, improvements
- OER can be used as an agent of change for diversity, equity, inclusion