

With schools closed, kids face another type of viral threat: misinformation online | CBS News

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Melissa Lau, a veteran middle-school science teacher, is getting used to a new reality shared by parents and educators across the country: virtual classrooms and remote learning.

[School closures](#) due to the [coronavirus outbreak](#) have impacted public and private schools that serve over [55 million students](#) across the U.S. Many have shifted to online learning. Of the myriad challenges this poses to teachers, parents and students, Lau is particularly concerned about the misinformation kids are likely to encounter online.

From her home in Oklahoma, she is preparing new sets of lessons that she will begin teaching via video conference on April 6 to her current roster of 158 students. “The first lesson is going to be called ‘why do we have to stay at home right now’,” Lau told CBSN Originals. “A lot of students and parents are anxious, understandably, and have a lot of questions, because there is [so much misinformation](#) out there.”

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