

The Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy presents:

## “Keeping Kids and Teachers Safe Online During COVID-19: Unique Challenges for School Safety Specialists”

**Presented by:**

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COVID-19-related sanctions pose interesting new challenges to school safety specialists. More than ever, we need to be focused on digital behavior and online safety within schools, as students and teachers engage with remote learning now (or in planning for future shutdowns). Although teachers may be focusing their efforts on building remote practices and curricula, administrators and safety specialists must step back to see the wider view, including how increased time online may be affecting student and teacher health and welfare and the vulnerabilities in online programs that create potentials for hacking, academic dishonesty, cyberbullying, and student disengagement. It is critical for safety specialists to help administrators and/or teachers devise plans for online civility and provide both teachers and students extended support for their emotional needs during this time.

After this talk, participants should be able to:

1. Outline the novel digital safety threats brought about by COVID-19
2. Understand how current remote learning practices align with American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations for media use
3. Develop strategies for helping teachers develop plans for online civility

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**Cost:** There is no cost for this training. Professional Growth Points, CEU’s and Law Enforcement hours will be available.

**When:** Monday, October 5, 2020: 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

**Where:** WebEx

**Target Audience:** school administrators, school staff, school resource officers, law enforcement

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