# COVID-19 Keeping us indoors, with unique opportunities supported by BlindSquare and NaviLens.

May 21st is Global Accessibility Awareness Day, focusing on digital access and inclusion for the more than one billion people with disabilities.

Across our globe, the impact of the pandemic is found. Some impacts are led by common sense (avoid exposures, battle all exposures with “be clean” responses), and some by country/local laws restricting travel entirely or by degree.

[BlindSquare](https://blindsquare.com) and [NaviLens](http://www.navilens.com)join to serve on the frontline.

Being stuck indoors.
Has the pandemic created a greater impact for persons who are blind, deafblind, or partially sighted? Absolutely. These persons now have a heightened need to “be aware” of current locations and planned destinations. They need to know where they are and limit their exposures.

A new opportunity to experience your environment.
[BlindSquare](https://blindsquare.com) and [NaviLens](http://www.navilens.com), leaders in improving the lives for those who are blind/deafblind or partially sighted, bring you an opportunity to discover abilities and equip yourself in anticipation of a *return to a new normal*, and to provide you greater independence, comfort, and location awareness with immediate and long term rewards.

BlindSquare is the world’s most widely used accessible GPS iOS app developed for persons who are blind, deafblind or partially sighted. Paired with third-party navigation apps, BlindSquare’s self-voicing app delivers detailed points of interest and intersections for safe, reliable travel. Paired with NaviLens, the app that scans proprietary codes to deliver situational information instantly, this duo offers an unmatched experience for users to navigate independently and more importantly in today’s environment, *safely*.

While our products have been helpful for our current users, we pondered, *why it can’t be great for all during this stress-filled time*? We looked for a way to solve this, without cost.

BlindSquare’s reputation, across its 8 years of service, is replete with personal success stories such as those that extoll the value of travel information for making informed choices and the ability to “simulate” future destinations for adventure. When using simulation, BlindSquare behaves *just as if you’re there*! And with [NaviLens](http://www.navilens.com)on board your device, you have access to their award-winning technology to create personal tags that can be used to “label your world” for such things as cupboard content, prescription bottles, fridge contents (including best before dates!), contents of your bar, contents of your freezer, and more. [NaviLens](http://www.navilens.com)is enjoyed by thousands.

So, in co-operation and consultation with many educators and organizations supporting persons who are blind, deafblind, or partially sighted, we have committed to make [BlindSquare EVENT](https://bit.ly/bsqEvent) (version 4.9967+) and [NaviLens](http://www.navilens.com)available—free of charge—until November 2020. During this time, free access to BlindSquare EVENT means a full-featured version of BlindSquare for iOS users that is geofenced to the continents of New Zealand, Australia, North America (Canada and the USA), Greenland, Mexico, Spain, Portugal and Japan—well over 25 million square miles! Mid November, BlindSquare EVENT will return to Demonstration mode, NaviLens will continue.

There are no strings attached and no obligations implied by this offering. Our mutual goals are to reduce the impact of the pandemic to you, to provide you with the ability to plan future travel, and to become familiar with the enablement that our solutions provide.

## BlindSquare resources

* [Download BlindSquare EVENT](https://bit.ly/bsqevent) on your iPhone or iPad
* Information videos from Perkins School for the Blind and other sources
	+ [1 hour feature tour from an O&M instructor](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDAMGSfTOq8&t=29s)
	+ [CREATING personal points of interest for walking paths (greenways)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5xnUikDjjY&index=4&list=PLhXV41ZuNuOkz-A2t0KhBdIzUa0YRHtGg)
	+ [USING personal points of interest for walking paths (greenways)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJNhVU2ASVg&index=5&list=PLhXV41ZuNuOkz-A2t0KhBdIzUa0YRHtGg)
	+ [Demonstration of Simulation, visiting future destinations from the comfort of your couch](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAA1qzuK2qk&amp=&feature=youtu.be)
* [BlindSquare User Guide](https://www.blindsquare.com/user-guide/)

## NaviLens resources

* [Download NaviLens](https://apps.apple.com/app/navilens/id1273704914?ign-mpt=uo%3D4) on your iPhone
* Information videos:
	+ [Request for free NaviLens Tags for personal use](https://cloud.navilens.com/sample/)
	+ [Free NaviLens tags for personal use, how to download and use](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lblv_dI9cQI)
* [NaviLens User Guide](https://cloud.navilens.com/sample/)

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