

## **BEATING STRESS AND WORRIES**

COVID-19 | A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & YOUNG PEOPLE

## TIPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

### TIPS FOR PARENTS



Spend less than

10 MINUTES A DAY

watching or listening to news about the virus.





Avoid listening to the news more than

1-2 TIMES A DAY

and reading out bad news from the internet/social media.

Ask a parent, teacher or trusted person if you have

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VIRUS and tell them if you are feeling scared or worried.



Answer your child's questions about the virus

BUT STICK TO THE FACTS and use trusted sources like the WHO.





STAY CONNECTED

to your friends but try to talk about things other than the virus



Reassure your child and give

# OPTIMISTIC AND CALM RESPONSES

Focus on what they can do right now.





that you can do with your family and friends - start a journal or blog, do a puzzle, e-visit the Louvre, train the dog.



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**GET CREATIVE** 

Set-up some simple and fun activities for at home or in non-crowded places.



WRITE A LIST AND DRAW

10 good things in your life and the world.



Help your child make a list of 10 GOOD THINGS

in their life and the world.



FIND A WAY TO RELAX

Spend 10 minutes breathing slowly and calmly.

Imagine that you are in your favourite place for 5 minutes.



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Try to stick to your regular

#### FAMILY ROUTINES

and avoid places that are high risk, or you are directed to.



LISTEN TO MUSIC

Choose something that makes you feel good.



CHECK IN WITH FAMILY MEMBERS

but try to talk about other issues and not just bad news and worries about the virus.



TELL YOURSELF POSITIVE THINGS







#### **LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

Stay calm yourself. Help your child by sharing your own coping skills. Give praise when they are coping and tell them what a great job they are doing.