

How are you?

Working in health and social care during a coronavirus epidemic

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Feeling scared? Uncertain? Angry?

We're all used to saying a cheery "not so bad" and carrying on. Things may have felt pressured for some time - but Covid-19 has supercharged that. Many staff members feel scared for themselves and their families. Here's some ideas to stay physically and mentally fit during this tough time.

SELF CARE / MEDICATION
Take prescribed medication regularly. Watch for internet scare stories about meds. Quit or cut smoking.

DIABETES
Get right on top of control. Keep fit. Beware snacking/drinking. Type 2 diabetes- try to maintain an ideal weight, and get physically fitter.

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY
Get home when you can. Play with children. Pass on a joke.

KEEP CONNECTED
Internet. Phone / video call. Be efficient, make a WhatsApp group of key friends and family. Keep in touch with elderly relatives.

KEEP PROTECTED
Get your PPE right every time. Slow down removal when you're tired. Ask a colleague to help you get it right. Use the best equipment you can get. Not got the right PPE? Shout it out!

FACING DIFFICULT DECISIONS?
Work to existing or new protocols. Focus on the people you are saving. Make those you can't comfortable.

RECHARGE THE BATTERIES
Get a good nights sleep. Or catch the ZZZ's when you can.

DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR
Too much social media? Cut down on the news.

MAKE THE MOST OF THINGS
Sit by an open window and let the sun in. Listen to music. Consider Vitamin D supplements.

WATCH YOUR ALCOHOL
Sensible drinking. Watch your caffeine.

PROTECT THOSE AT HOME
Wash wash wash. Keep in touch a lot if you can't get home.



SLOW DOWN AND BE MINDFUL
Mindfulness. Staying mentally fit.

WATCH YOUR HANDS
Break the cycle of mouth touching. Fold your arms. Sit on your hands. Play a game - shout out if someone's hands go near their face.

MANAGE HOW YOU FEEL
Slow down. Focus on the task at hand. Don't be distracted by anger, anxiety or guilt.

LIVING WITH UNCERTAINTY
Remember you can cope with anything if it doesn't last for ever. There will be a solution even if we don't know what it is yet.



YOUR'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER
Support each other. Say thank you to colleagues and your team. Remember the public support.

PHYSICALLY
Keep as fit as you can. Eat as healthily as possible. Consider using NHS times in shops.



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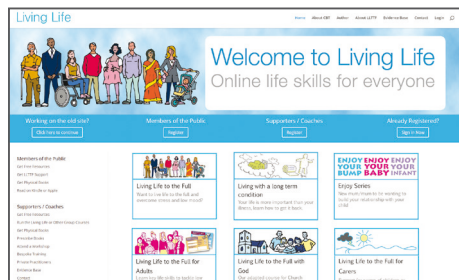
Looking after your physical well being

If you develop symptoms.

If you develop a constant new cough, or a temperature of more than 37.8, then you should go online to NHS 111 to get further advice. If you live alone you will need to fully self isolate for 1 week. If you feel that you are getting worse check 111 online again. If you live in a household, the entire household will need to fully self-isolate for 14 days regardless. Afterwards, always follow the specific advice on self-isolation issued regularly by the government.

Looking after your mental well being

Here's where to get more help: code.llttf4.com/



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