

## Mental Health During COVID

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# How has COVID impacted you?

Mental Health	Mental Health Problem	Mental IIIness
<ul> <li>Thoughts, emotions &amp; behaviours</li> <li>Regular ups and down</li> <li>Ability to handle stress/challenges and bounce back</li> <li>Taking care of it daily</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Situation, challenge or event that affects your mental health</li> <li>Examples: Loss, job interview, big life changes, COVID</li> <li>Challenging emotions eventually go away</li> <li>Does not impact day-to-day life</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Diagnosable         Illness/Disorder         Debilitating signs &amp; symptoms that impact a persons day-to-day life for longer periods of time     </li> </ul>



## Unhealthy Impacts of Isolation

- Increased feelings of anxiousness and sadness
- Aggressive behaviours
- Poor sleep quality
- Cognitive Decline
- Altered memory
- Poor self-care or self-neglect
- Unhealthy choices
- Physical health declines

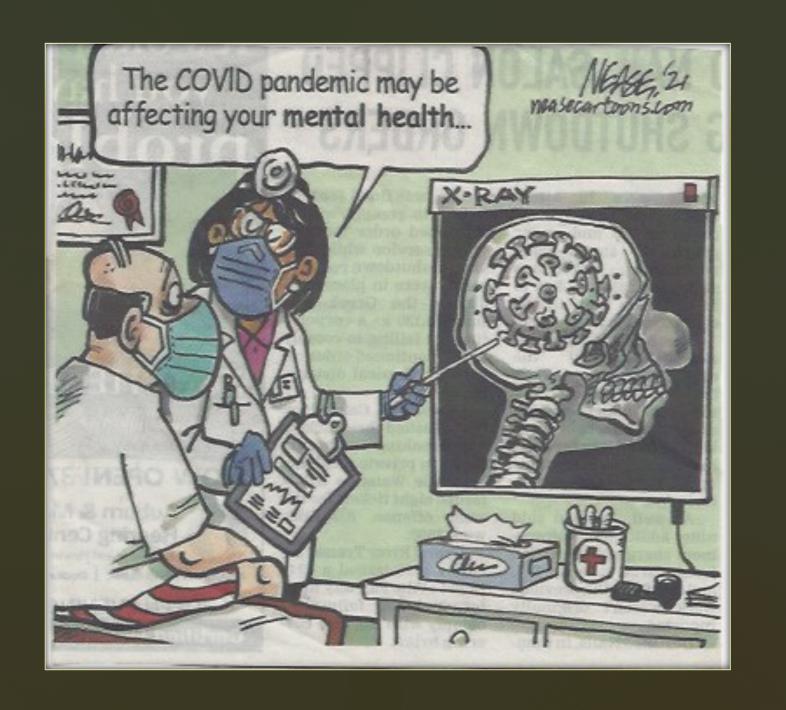
## What happens when we don't adapt to/or resist change?

- Increased amounts of stress
- Increased conflicts
- Misdirecting negative energy
- Relationships hurt
- Ability to do Job is affected
- And many more.....



Energy Flows
Where
Attention Goes

Your
perspective
can have a
major impact
on your mental
well being



- When is this going to end?
- I can't do...
- What if...
- This always happens...
- You never do....
- I should be...

- I don't know when it will end, but I will do everything I can to get through it
- What can I do?
- If it happens, I will figure it out and handle it
- Prove it wrong, what are the times it has not happened? Have they done it?
- Reduce the pressure on yourself.
   Its okay to be where I am right now



Focus on what you can control, not what you can't

How do you take care of your mental health?

#### **Physical Health**

- Walking
- Bike Rides
- At home exercises
- Sports
- Yoga
- Golfing
- Eating

#### **Social Health**

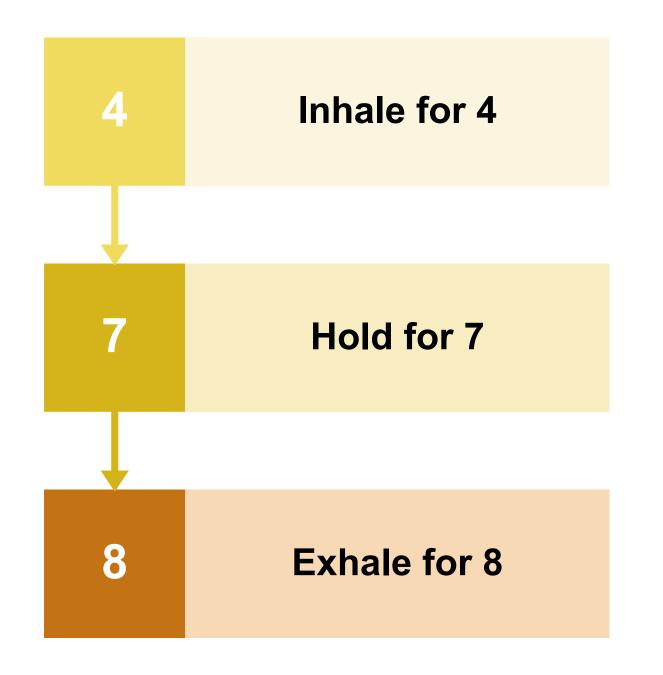
- Calling, texting & video calls
- Game nights
- Join a local club/ group
- Get involved in your community
- Family time
- TALK about it

#### **Individual Health**

- Gardening
- Art
- Knitting
- Reading
- Hobby you enjoy
- Sleeping
- Bubble Baths
- Cooking / baking

If it is adding to your stress it is not helping!

Be intentional with your self- care



4-7-8 Breathing

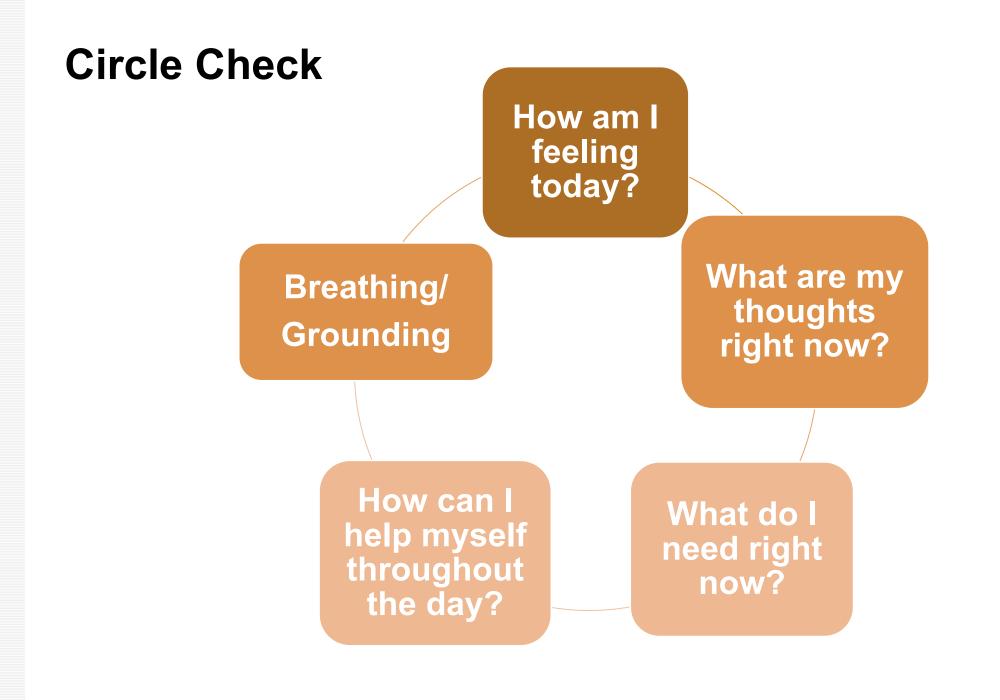
#### 5-4-3-2-1 Grounding Technique

- 5 things you can see
- 4 things you touch
- 3 things you can hear
- 2 things you can smell
- 1 thing you can taste



### What is Support?

- In order to support someone else, you must have proper supports for yourself
- Support does not always mean a medical professional
- Support should not only be for crisis or large problems
- Support should be something maintained and utilized regularly
- Support is something/someone that assists you in maintaining, relieving or helping your mental health



## Thank you