FEELING ZOOMED OUT?

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- Have you ever felt frustrated because you spent a lot of time studying and didn't get much out of it?
- Do you get easily distracted?
- Are you feeling less motivated?

How to Work Efficiently From Home

- Maintain a regular schedule
- Set clear boundaries
- Take regular breaks
- Stay connected
- Celebrate your accomplishments
- Use a calendar!
- Pick one space, and stick to it
- Pace your study
- When to study
- Mix things up!

Coping with Isolation during COVID-19

- □ Stay in touch with your social support groups virtually
- Go outside and take walks.
- Stay busy.
- Decrease the time you spend watching or listening to the news.
- Use skills that you have used during times of adversity, such breathing, meditation, positive self-talk, etc.
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- Avoid using tobacco, alcohol or other substances to cope with your emotions.
- □ Access information that can help you cope with stress.

Source: Kassraie, A. (2020). AARP. Practical Advice for Staying Connected During the Coronavirus Outbreak. https://www.aarp.org/health/conditions-treatments/info-2020/ staying-connected-during-coronavirus.html

When Feeling Lonely...

- Start a conversation.
- Share photos on social media with family/friends.
- Use Virtual hangouts.
- Decrease time on social media
- □ Get outside!
- Help someone in need, can be done virtually!
- Take a virtual fitness class.
- Engage in self-care that makes you feel good.

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8 Free Apps to Help You Stay Connected During Coronavirus

- Facetime
- Google Duo/Hangouts
- 🗆 Marco Polo
- Skype
- Facebook Messenger
- Netflix Party
- Watch2gether
- 🗆 Zoom

Source: Wendy Bowman "8 Free Apps to Help You Stay Connected During Coronavirus" 19 March 2020. HowStuffWorks.com. https://computer.howstuffworks.com/internet/social-networking/networks/apps-to-stay-connected-coronavirus.htm 7 May 2020

How to Stay Connected With Others During Coronavirus

- Online workout with Friends, roommates, family.
- Maintain your social connections
- Schedule video calls.
- Taking a break to have a laugh.
- Use Google Hangouts to connect with classmates and colleagues!
- Attend virtual coffee hours or study groups so that you can stay up on your coursework.

How to Stay Connected with Others During COVID-19

Check-in on your family, friends, neighbors.

Stay connected with others!

-Host a virtual Netflix party. Google chrome has an <u>application</u> that lets you watch Netflix with friends.

-Virtual hugs

-credit: @thegoodadvice

I'm hugging you so hard with my mind right now from a safe distance.







Let's Do A Virtual Body Scan Meditation!

Given all these changes...

Feeling stress, anxious, frustrated, upset, angry is completely natural!

Also natural: needing time to adjust



Staying healthy

Staying healthy can help the transition go more smoothly



Physical self-care

The basics: Sleep Good nutrition Exercise



Social/Emotional self-care

Make meaningful connections with others Virtual connections are essential!

- Join online social groups, clubs, or sports it feels good to belong
- Help others (while social distancing)
 - Helping others helps oneself (feels good)

🗆 Have fun!

- All work and no play = unbalanced life
- Plan to have fun / leisure time every day
- Laughter is beneficial for stress management

Mental self-care

- Engaging in creative and mentally stimulating activities
 - Reading
 - Learning
 - Writing
 - Art



Managing one's thoughts (e.g., worrying, negative self-talk)

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Resources

- TAO Connect <u>https://www.taoconnect.org/</u>
 - Mindfulness exercises available!
- Mindfulness resources
 - Offers free guided meditation on <u>http://mar.ucla.edu</u> as well as drop-in meditations at various campus locations (Mindful UCLA)
- Crisis hotline in home country
- Chinese Student Scholar Association
 - <u>http://www.uclacssa.org/</u>: provides helpful adjustment tips, stress management skills in Mandarin
- International Student Ambassadors
 - <u>http://www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu/programs-events/</u> <u>ambassadors</u>

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CAPS Outreach Feedback form: https://sa.ucla.edu/Forms/p/wdOtz



Questions or comments?

This will pass. Stay safe everyone! Thanks for joining! Take care!