

A Menu of Ideas for Adults to Help Kids Stay Happy & Healthy during COVID 19

Good for All Ages

 <p>Set Schedules Make a schedule. Routine helps kids feel calm because they know what to expect. Involve your kids! See samples:</p> <p>PK - 5th Grade Middle & High School</p>	<p>Timely Talk Talk to your children about COVID-19 using age-appropriate language. Listen and encourage them to ask questions.</p>  <p>Links to help: Spanish English</p>	<p>Move It! Whether it's taking a walk, going for a bike ride, breathing together, or having a dance party in the living room, we all need to move it! Join your child to exercise, do a Go Noodle, or even make a TikTok!</p> 	<p>Staying Calm Sometimes Home Learning won't go as planned. When something unexpected happens, stay calm. Turn Down the Heat in your home by using these simple steps when you feel angry.</p> 	<p>Share your Rose Thorn Bud</p> <p>Check in with your child.</p> <p>A Rose (best part of day)  Thorn (not good part of day) Bud (something you are looking forward to)</p>
<p>Write a caring letter or email to an elderly person who may be alone and deliver or mail it!</p> 	<p>Play "Hot and Cold!" How? One person hides an object somewhere in your home and the others try to look for it. The hider can give clues like "warmer" when you get close or "look where the dog likes to sit"</p> 	<p>Breathe Find your calm using these free links: Headspace Calm GoNoodle Smiling Mind Mind Yeti: English Spanish Mind Yeti: English Spanish</p> 	<p>Staying Positive Use these Positivity Google slides to listen to the book <i>Ish</i> and talk to your child about the power of being positive and believing in yourself.</p> 	<p>Self Care Take care of yourself so you can be a role model for your kids. It can be hard to do, but try to sleep, take breaks, eat healthy foods, get outside and let them know things will be okay.</p> 
<p>Online Support Visit Brain Pop- SEL Learning through your my.bvsvd.org account.</p>  <p>This home learning link provides guidance for before, during and after watching videos.</p> <p>**Spanish options also available (K-8)</p>	<p>Play "Build It!" Think of something you can build together from items around the house. Maybe it's a maze, a tower, or a fort...be creative!</p> 	<p>Spread Positivity Create notes with positive messages on them and tuck the notes around your neighborhood.</p> 	<p>Getting Creative Make Playdough with your child or your siblings - create figures to give to your neighbors, leaving a surprise by their front door.</p> <p>Recipe w/video Español w/video Gluten Free recipe</p> 	<p>Gratitude In tricky times, it helps to focus on gratitude.</p> <p>This folder contains many options for journaling about gratitude</p> 

PK - 5 Students



Tweens & Teens



Tune Into Your Body



Do a Body Scan. Here's a link to the [steps](#)

Listening & Learning

Together listen to a song, book or lesson from the [We Do Listen Foundation](#)



Topics include making the most of things, following screen time rules, fear and courage...and more!



Play!

Game Time! [Play Charades](#) or go on a [Scavenger Hunt](#)

Like these? Find more at [My Kids For Peace Activities from Random Acts of Kindness](#)

Listening & Learning

Tune your teen into a Ted Talk.



[These are Ted Talks for teens recommended by teens.](#)

Checking In

While they may show anxiety in different ways, older children need help handling change too. Talk to your teen about their feelings. Check out the videos on [parentteenconnect.org](#) for support!



Go on a Safari!



Take a walk to find as many birds, bugs, leaves, and other special treasures as you can. Wrap a piece of tape (sticky side up) around your child's wrist so they can stick their non-living treasures to it. Talk about it!

Current Events

[Read this simple picture story about COVID 19 and help your child write their own.](#)



Current Events



[Watch the cartoon Covid 19 video](#) and talk about feelings, fears, and questions your child may have.

[Spanish Video](#)



Let it Out!

Crumble it Up! Have your teen write down something they are worried about, regret, or are generally bummed about on a scrap piece of paper. Then crumble up your worries and talk about it if you are ready.

Life Skills



Teach some "Adulting" skills. Teach your teen to cook dinner? Work on the truck with you? Help you file your taxes? Use this time to teach some life skills you need to get done anyway.

Empowering Kids



Create an entry for the "I am Powerful" Kids for Peace Book Contest. This will be our 5th book. Learn more: [Flier](#) & [Book Entry Form](#)

Slides for learning

Use these [SEL Learning at Home](#) slides for two weeks worth of guided activities- Do a few slides a day!



Listening & Learning



[Listen to the Imagine Neighborhood podcast](#), a podcast where fun characters talk about how to handle big feelings.

Just Breathe



Your tween or teen needs to breathe, especially if they are taking on extra responsibilities to make this new normal work for your family. Invite your teen to lie down and try this [Mindfulness track for teens.](#)

Help Others

Teens can do so much! Challenge them to help the community in a creative way during COVID 19.



[See how two teens in Arvada started a website for families to help each other.](#)



Checking In

Encourage your kids to talk about their feelings.

Children may be experiencing feelings of disappointment.

Watch and talk about this [video!](#)

Just for Fun



[Try this BINGO game](#) for fun!

Mindset is Powerful

Your mindset can change everything!

Watch this [Video](#) about mindset and complete the [Activity](#) together.



Connect!

Friends mean so much to your child, and Snapchat streaks won't replace school.



Schedule time for a live chat with friends or family.

Staying Healthy

Get your teen out of bed!

A regular schedule of healthy meals, school time, exercise, and free time will help the whole family.

