

Planning

for being safe
and staying in





Coronavirus

How a plan can help



Coronavirus is a new illness.

It is also called Covid-19.

Doctors and scientists are still learning about how it affects people.



The news is saying lots of people are getting ill and many services are closed.

It can feel scary because things are changing fast and hard to understand.



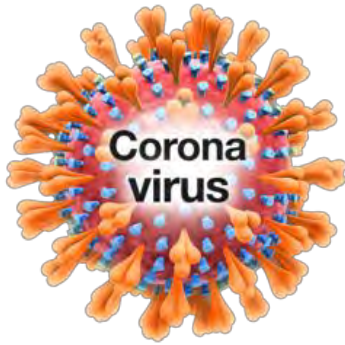
This booklet can help you think ahead.

Having a plan is good, sometimes it can help stop worrying too much.



Talk through this booklet with someone.

You could phone a friend and both fill in your books at the same time.

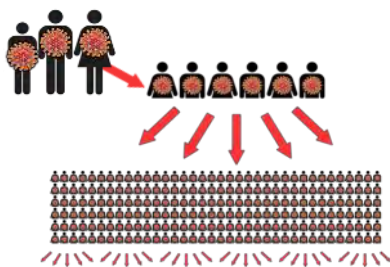


What is coronavirus



Coronavirus is like the flu.

It can make some people very ill so they need to go to hospital for treatment.



You can catch coronavirus if you spend time with someone who has got it.

It is spreading quickly around the world.



What to look out for - some people call these symptoms.

If you have any of these stay home and call someone you trust.



Fever where you have a temperature and feel hot



A dry cough that you do not usually have



Trouble with your breathing



Coronavirus

how to be careful and stay safe



The most important thing is to wash your hands regularly with soap and hot water.



Rub the soap in well and wash your hands for **20 seconds** each time.

This is the same time as it takes to sing Happy Birthday 2 times.

Wash your hands every time you...



cough or sneeze



are going to eat



get home, to work
or someone's house



If you cough or sneeze use a tissue and put it in the garbage straight away.



Try not to touch your face with your hands.



People are using lots of hard words at the moment.

We will try to explain them clearly.



Social distancing is for people who do not have **coronavirus** or other big health problems.

The government wants everyone to do this to help stop the illness spreading.



Social distancing means trying to stay about 2 metres away from other people.

This is about the same space as if you had a broom between you.



People doing **social distancing** can go for a walk somewhere like a park if they stay away from other people.

They should not go to places like pubs and cafes.



Staying
at home

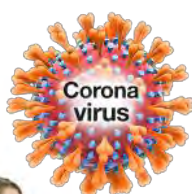
Staying at home means not going out and keeping away from people you live with as much as you can.

People also say self isolate or self isolation for this.



People with coronavirus must stay at home for at least 14 days.

People who have been near someone who is now ill must do staying at home for at least 14 days.



Coronavirus is more dangerous for older people and anyone with health issues (like diabetes, heart problems or asthma).

The government wants all people with health issues to stay at home.

When you are in self isolation you should



Ask someone to shop for you or order your shopping in

No
visitors
today



Tell people you are self isolating so they cannot come visit



Keep your towels and bathroom clean



Wash your hands a lot

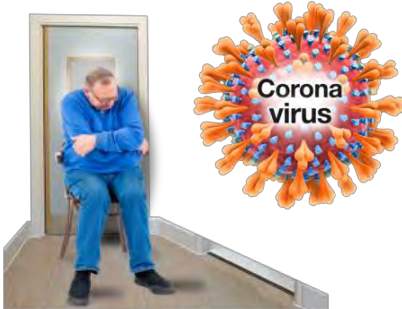


Coronavirus if you get ill



Tell someone you are not well.

Ask them to help you decide if you need to call anyone like your family doctor's office.



If you have any of the **coronavirus** symptoms you must not go out at all.

You will need to rest and drink lots as you will feel like you have the flu.

You can call your family doctor.

You can call **811** to reach medical professionals at HealthLink BC.

If you have problems breathing or feel very ill , like you could collapse, then you should go to the hospital or call 911.



Getting ready for staying at home



Make sure your food is topped up.
Ask a family member, caregiver or support worker to go shopping or try to order food online.



Ask a family member, caregiver or support worker to help you cook lots for your freezer if you can.
Try to have healthy foods to fill you up.



Check your medication and order some if you need to.
Ask a family member, caregiver or support worker to help you decide when you must order more.



Keep paying your bills if you can or ask for help to talk to the companies now.



Have important phone numbers around where you will be able to find them.

Make plans to catch up with friends on the phone or on messaging.



Plan things to do at home.

Call a friend and get ideas of how you can keep busy to try and have fun.

Look out for each other - be kind.





Coronavirus stay in, stay well

You might be worrying about these things

Running out of
medication



Missing health
appointments



People cannot
come to support
you



Things you or people who support you can do

Check with your
pharmacy about how to
get your meds



Call someone you
trust and ask for help to
find out about appointments



Call family
or friends for a chat





How I can help myself

Write or draw what you can do

Think about support



Work out who you can ask for help

Plan ahead



Check your meds
order some more

Get important numbers



Save numbers like your friends, pharmacy and caregivers.





Coronavirus keep moving

Being indoors and not moving around much can mean some of these things happen

You feel stiff and have more pain



You feel bad and uncomfortable



You feel unwell and miserable

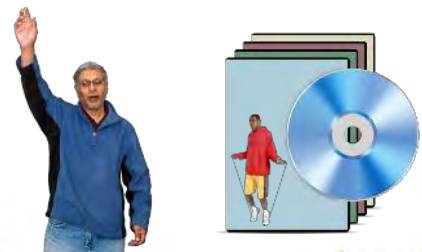


Ideas to make things better

Doing housework gets you moving



Try doing some dancing or exercise at home



Go for a walk round your house





How I can help myself

Write or draw what you can do

Do a jigsaw



Listen to music



Try arts and crafts



Look for exercises
on the computer





Things to do

Happiness wordsearch

f	l	k	y	f	s	m	i	l	e	s	j	h	v	b	m
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m	n	u	g	x	d	s	a	u	t	w	n	e	l	l	f
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- ★ garden
- ★ games
- ★ pets
- ★ computers
- ★ consoles
- ★ smiles
- ★ hugs
- ★ music
- ★ art
- ★ television
- ★ flowers
- ★ films



Things to do

Spot the difference

See if you can find 8 things that are different





Coronavirus keep happy

Some things that can go wrong when you feel worried

You stop looking
after yourself



You stop taking
your medication



You are lonely and
overthink things



Ideas to make things better

Open your curtains in
the morning and try to get
dressed if you can



Try to do one nice
thing at home each day



Set an alarm to remind
you to take your medication





How I can help myself

Write or draw what you can do

Put up nice pictures



Try hobbies to take your mind off things





Coronavirus stay connected

Things that can go wrong when you feel lonely

You miss your friends and feel lonely



You stop talking to people and feel cross

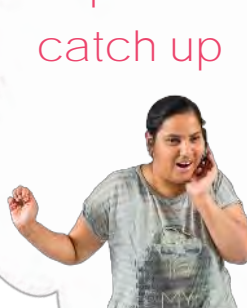


Ideas to make things better

Try video chat so you still see your friends



Arrange with a friend to phone each other to catch up



You and a friend could watch the same film then talk about it on the phone



I liked it



How I can help myself

Write or draw what you can do

Set a time to
call a friend and
have a tea
on the phone



Keep in touch with friends
even if you cannot meet up



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