THE UAB EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE & COUNSELING CENTER

WELLNESS at HOME

What you can do to stay mentally and physically well (yes, they are connected!)

- Have a normal sleep/wake schedule for everyone in your household (naps are okay if they do not interfere with a healthy sleep schedule) — try to wake up early and go to sleep early
- 2. Have a supply of cleaning and paper products
- Have normal cupboard items stocked in your kitchen (rice, quinoa, beans, a few healthy snack items such as trail mix)



- 4. Eat healthy foods —
 vegetables, fruit, and lean
 proteins (consider getting
 a local farm or a produce
 subscription box)
- 5. Limit processed foods, sodiumrich foods, caffeine, and sugar
- 6. Drink plenty of water (and hot tea if desired)
- Have some meals prepped and frozen
- 8. Have medications filled and take vitamins (as directed by a doctor)



Keep home clean, tidy, and organized

- 10. Wash dishes (after use or at least before you go to bed)
- 11. Wash clothes regularly
- 12. Use a wellness app or otherwise limit time online



- 13. Do not use electronics at least an hour before your bedtime (have amber lighting or grayscale lighting turned on in the evening)
- 14. Have a "cut-off time" for news consumption (such as 8 p.m.)
- 15. Spend some time in the fresh air (maintaining distance from others and not on playgrounds, always letting others know where you are)
- 16. Exercise (if your doctor recommends)
- 17. Call your doctor or a teledoctor if you are feeling ill



- 18. Pick up the phone and checkin with family and friends, especially the aging and those with compromised immune systems
- Spend time connecting with friends and family whether in person with those in your

- household or digitally with those not in your household (Netflix Party, Chrome ext., online video games, video chat such as FaceTime or Meet)
- 20. Limit leaving your home to necessary trips



- 21. Wash your hands and follow guidelines as directed by the CDC
- 22. Have a loose schedule daily, changing activities at least every hour
- 23. Focus on hobbies/interests
- 24. Focus on what you can do to help the pandemic (whether it is as a front-line worker, volunteering your time, or staying home)
- 25. Recognize that feelings of anxiety are normal during this time practice self-compassion



- **26.** Use coping skills (mindfulness skills, grounding, breathing techniques)
- 27. Focus on what you can control rather than what you cannot control