# HOME ISOLATION Healthy Mind Platter

7 daily essential mental activities for maintaining mental health



### **FOCUS** time

When we closely focus on tasks in a goal oriented way, taking on challenges that make deep connetions in the brain



### **PLAY** time

When we allow ourselves to be spontaneous or creative, playfully enjoying novel experiences, helps make new connections in the brain



time

When we connect with other people, ideally in person, or take time to appreciate our connection to the natural world around us, richly activating the brain's relational circuitry



### CONNECT | PHYSICAL | REFLECT

time

When we move our bodies, aerobically if possible, which strengthens the brain in many ways



time

When we quietly reflect internally, focusing on sensations, images, feelings and thoughts, helping to better integrate the brain

### **DOWN** time

When we are nonfocused, without any specific goal, and let our mind wander or simply relax, which helps our brain recharge

### **SLEEP** time

When we give the brain the rest it needs to consolidate learning and recover from the experiences of the day









## Meeting Your Needs during home isolation

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### **FOCUS** time

- Paid work
- Volunteer or support work
- Documentaries
  - Podcasts
- News articles
  - Novels
- Social media
- Paying bills
  - Emails
- Life admin
  - Driving



### **PLAY** time

- Listen to music
- Watch a comedy
- Dancing, singing, playing music
  - Puzzles
  - Solitaire
- Word play games
- Quiz challenges
  - Shopping
  - Hobbies
  - Using your creativity



### time

- Time with friends
  - Gossiping
  - Social media
- "Deep and meaningful" talks
- Time in nature

### CONNECT | PHYSICAL | REFLECT

### time

- Stretching
  - Yoga
  - Walking
  - Cardio
- High intensive interval bursts
  - Massage
- Physio ball
- Regular and high nutrition meals
- Household



### time

- Meditation
- Journalling
- Self help books
- Curate photos
- Create mementos
  - Goal setting
- Gratitude lists
- Room for improvement



### **DOWN** time

Whatever relaxes your nervous system:

- diaphragmatic breathing
- progressive muscle relaxation
  - letting your mind wander
  - idle time
- watching and wondering



### **SLEEP** time

Most adults require 8 hours sleep per 24 hour period

Use sleep hygiene techniques to encourage good sleep habits

Too much sleep can also be a problem 4





# Daily Diary during home isolation

### Each day should include time for the

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