## BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION | FACT SHEET



## Coping with Stress and Fear of COVID-19

- Take care of your emotional health.
- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including those on social media.
- Take care of your body.
  - Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate.
  - o Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals.
  - o Exercise regularly.
  - Get plenty of sleep.
  - Avoid excessive alcohol and drug use.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
- **Virtually connect with others**. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.
- Connect with your community- or faith-based organizations. While social distancing measures are in place, consider connecting online, through social media, or by phone or mail.

## Get immediate help in a crisis:

- Call 911
- <u>Disaster Distress Helpline</u>: I-800-985-5990 (press 2 for Spanish), or text TalkWithUs for English or Hablanos for Spanish to 66746. Spanish speakers from Puerto Rico can text Hablanos to I-787-339-2663.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for English, 1-888-628-9454 for Spanish, or <u>Lifeline Crisis Chat</u>.
- National Domestic Violence Hotline; I-800-799-7233 or text LOVEIS to 22522National Child Abuse Hotline: I-800-4AChild (I-800-422-4453) or text I-800-422-4453
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) or Online Chat external icon
- The Eldercare Locator: I-800-677-1116
  TTY Instructions
- Veteran's Crisis Line: I-800-273-TALK (8255) or Crisis Chat or text: 8388255

## Find a health care provider or treatment for substance use disorder and mental health:

- To connect to local health and human resources in our community, visit www.helpsteps.com
- SAMHSA's National Helpline external icon: I-800-662-HELP (4357) and TTY I-800-487-4889
- Treatment Services Locator Website external icon
- Interactive Map of Selected Federally Qualified Health Centers external icon

