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Strategies that participants are using to stay healthy and connected during this time:

FaceTime often with family Walking with friends with masks Zoom yoga classes Zoom weekly with family and play games OLLI Walking Start the day with yoga and limit television news With grandchildren most days; read bedtime stories online Organizing a Cross Cultural Leadership course for refugees in high school Zoom Qi chong Taking a ride somewhere Telephone Time with one friend Ageless grace movement classes Exercise classes on Zoom with conversation before and after Walking with friends Weekly zoom meetings with friends Walk a few miles every day Taking on line zoom classes Limit time in stores Participate in zoom games Rearrange my furniture at home Online workouts Connect with friends and family quite frequently Tutoring grandkids Re-connecting with a former therapist We listen to an agenda of music on YouTube before bed Keeping a routine Doing OLLI (and other) presentations virtually Exercise bike at home Rosary with husband Bicycle, yoga, meditation, Haitian folkloric dance, work ATTITUDE: Information, Hope & Action [not ignorance, despair, & paralysis]

If you are interested in Ageless Grace movement classes contact Norie at <u>NMOZZONE@mgh.harvard.edu</u>

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Resource links from Dr. Ritchie to get help for depression, anxiety, stress, sleep:

https://howrightnow.org/inspiration https://www.healthinaging.org/blog/12-ways-to-ease-isolation-while-youre-practicing-socialdistancing/ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Disaster Distress Helpline: Phone: 1-800-985-5990 Text: text TalkWithUs to 66746. TTY: 1-800-846-8517 https://www.mindful.org/how-to-meditate/ https://www.healthinaging.org/blog/coping-with-covid-19-managing-stress-and-anxiety/ https://www.cdc.gov/sleep/about_sleep/sleep_hygiene.html https://aa-intergroup.org/ https://www.smartrecovery.org/smart-recovery-toolbox/smart-recovery-online/ https://adaa.org/adaa-online-support-group https://livingroomconversations.org/ https://seniorplanet.org/ http://agingwomenblog.com/

Other ideas shared: <u>https://www.mindful.org/how-to-meditate/</u> <u>https://www.headspace.com/meditation/one-minute-meditation</u> <u>https://www.calm.com/</u> https://www.tenpercent.com/