Fear & Anxiety during times of Coronavirus

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Anxiety symptoms during an infectious disease outbreak can include

- Fear and worry about one's own health and the health of loved ones
- Changes in sleep or eating patterns
- Difficulty concentrating, not feeling in control
- Feeling numb, and unable to engage
- Worsening of chronic health problems
- Increased use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs

What can we do to cope?

- Minimize News Media, if it stresses us out
- Connect with others, remember social distancing doesn't mean social isolation
- Use Video apps to avoid touch starvation
- Take breaks to unwind
- Eat Healthy & sleep well
- Exercise
- Avoid drugs & Alcohol
- Stay Positive and Optimistic
- Seek help, if needed

Free Mental Health Apps:

- * What's Up: a CBT app For depression anxiety
- * Mood Kit: also a CBT app for depression anxiety
- * Mind Shift: for kids with anxiety
- * Self help for anxiety management (SAM)
- * Talkspace online therapy for depression
- * PTSD coach
- * Liberate (free content created by & for people in the African American diaspora)
- Intimind (Spanish language, free and subscription)
- * Headspace (free and subscription)
- * Calm (free and subscription)
- * Simple Habit (subscription)

Resources:

- For questions regarding your mental health needs please call: 281-238-3079 or visit www.fortbendcountytx.gov/bh
- Visit <u>www.mhahouston.org</u> for all mental health resources in our area
- COVID Mental health support line from Harris Center 833-986-1919
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273- TALK (8255)