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How will I go back to work with our new school schedule? I'm stuck.



COVID Support VT offers self-help tips, resources, and a way to connect to existing mental health and community services.

What to do now

- Practice mindfulness. Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate.
- **Eat well.** Try to eat regular, well-balanced meals.
- **Exercise.** Get some physical activity daily.
- Connect. Spend time communicating with family and friends every day.
- Follow a sleep schedule. Give yourself time to get a full night's sleep.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs. They might make you feel better in the short-term, but they can make it harder for you to physically and mentally manage stress.
- Manage pre-existing conditions. Follow your treatment plans for pre-existing conditions.

I need support

- **Don't be silent.** Talk with a trusted friend or family member who can help. Isolation only makes stress worse.
- Call your healthcare provider if stress gets in the way of daily activities for several days in a row.
- Connect with your mental health provider to discuss ways you can cope.
- Talk with your faith based leader.
- Call 2-1-1 to learn about community resources near you.
- Find your local community mental health center for 24/7 support at www.vermontcarepartners.org/ intake-and-crisis-lines.