

# Services communautaires de géronto-psychiatrie d'Ottawa Geriatric Psychiatry Community Services of Ottawa

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## **COVID-19** resources for older adults and their families

Many resources have been developed to help people in this time of physical distancing and quarantine. We have compiled a list of some resources that might be helpful to our clients and their families and caregivers.

Remember that the best source for information on the pandemic is always ottawapublichealth.ca/coronavirus

#### **Mental health**

Wellness Together Canada – Mental Health and Substance Use Support

<u>Protecting your mental health during the coronavirus outbreak</u> - Practical tips for coping in times of uncertainty.

<u>Brain Xchange</u> – COVID-19 resources for families and clinicians caring for people living with dementia <u>Things to Do</u> – from MoodMaster

Maintaining your wellbeing during self-isolation – from MoodMaster

#### **Activities for Older Adults Living with Dementia**

Activities for Older Adults During COVID-19 – Health Innovation Network Older TV – YouTube Free older movies online (1930s and after) 'Happy' Dancing - Music Therapy & Meditation - YouTube Guidance for helping someone who wanders during isolation

#### Financial assistance

<u>City of Ottawa Financial Assistance</u> – quick resource to financial assistance available Local food resources and support services

<u>Good food box program</u>

<u>Operation Ramzieh</u> – free food kits to seniors

<u>Support Services</u> – Champlain Community Support Network

#### **For Caregivers**

<u>Caring for Caregivers - Family Support Group</u>
<u>Caring for self and others</u> – The Council on Aging of Ottawa
<u>Caregiver Mental Health During COVID-19 Outbreak</u> – The Ontario Caregiver Organization
<u>Caregiver Tips & Resources</u> – The Ontario Caregiver Organization

### Fitness/Exercise

10-minute Workout 1

10-minute Workout 2 (seated)

15-minute Workout 1

15-minute Workout 2

**Go4Life Balance Exercises** – National Institute on Aging

Go4Life Strength Exercises - National Institute on Aging

Go4Life Flexibility Workout- National Institute on Aging

Go4Life Flexibility & Cool Down Workout - National Institute on Aging

Easy Exercises for Better Balance - Ottawa Public Health

**Balance Exercises for Seniors at Home** 

<u>Home Excercise Program</u> – For Fall Prevention

One-hour Workout

**6 Upper Body Strength Exercises** 

#### **Chair Yoga**

**Dementiability** – Chair yoga for people with mid-stage dementia

Eileen's Chair Yoga

Michael Hutkins Yoga

<u>Chronic Pain Service</u>, Toronto Rehab University Health Network – Involves some standing postures

<u>Love your Brain Foundation</u> – Involves some standing postures, as well a more active practice

Yoga for Seniors - Dementiability

#### **Chair Dancing**

Chair yoga dance - Sherry Zak Morris

Chair yoga dance #2 - Sherry Zak Morris

#### Other resources

Be sure to check out the many resources we have within our website. Many organizations have developed COVID-specific information you may find helpful.

<u>The Fountain of Health</u> website can be a good resource for setting goals and supporting you on your journey. The <u>Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County</u>, and <u>Alzheimer Society of Canada</u> are reliable sources of information and advice.