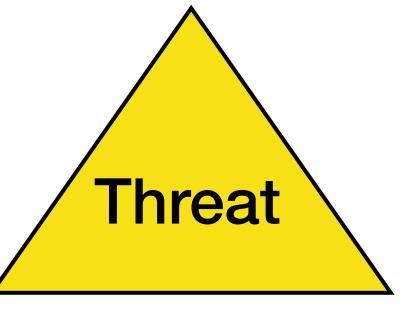
### Factors that make the Coronavirus seem more difficult for us

Novelty



Unpredictability

COVID-19



### Emotions we all associate with the Coronavirus



- Anxious
- Frustrated
- Irritable
- Sad
- Numb
- Hopeless

COVID-19

## COVID-19 Positive Personal Coping Strategies

Discussing positive coping strategies that were successful in your life.

### Covid-19 Positive Personal Coping Strategies Try these when you are feeling anxious or stressed.

- **Take a time-out.** Practice yoga, listen to music, meditate, learn relaxation techniques. Stepping back from the problems helps clear your head.
- Eat well-balanced meals. Do not skip any meals. Do keep healthful, energy-boosting snacks on hand. Fruits and veggies.
- Limit alcohol and caffeine, and nicotine, which can aggravate anxiety and trigger panic attacks. Do not abuse drugs and alcohol.
- Get enough sleep. When stressed, your body needs additional sleep and rest.
- Exercise daily: it will help you to feel good and maintain your health.
- Take deep breaths. Inhale and exhale slowly.
- Count to 10 slowly. Repeat, and count to 20 if necessary.
- **Do your best**. Instead of aiming for imagined perfection, which isn't possible, be proud of all your accomplishments.
- Accept that you cannot control everything. Put your stress over Covid-19 in perspective.
- Welcome humor. A good hearty laugh goes a long way to relieve stress
- Maintain a positive attitude. Make an effort to replace negative thoughts with positive ones.
- Learn what triggers your anxiety. Is it work, family, school, or something else you can identify. Covid-19 triggers every aspect of life.
- Write in a journal when you feel stressed or anxious, and look for a pattern.
- **Talk to someone.** Tell friends and family you are feeling overwhelmed, and let them know how they can help you. Talk to a physician or therapist for professional help.

#### A Reminder Regarding Stress:

# Anxiety/stress are normal... even productive

Let's Reflect...

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#### No Matter The Challenge, You Don't Have To Face It Alone, We Are In This Together.

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