# **COVID COACH**



COVID Coach is a free, easy-to-use mobile application created for everyone, including Veterans and Servicemembers, to support self-care and overall mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It was developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in 2020. The app connects you to resources to help you cope with stress, stay healthy, stay connected, and navigate parenting, caregiving, and working at home while social distancing or sheltering in place. COVID Coach is not meant to replace processional care related to COVID-19 or mental health conditions, such as PTSD.

### LEARN ABOUT COPING DURING THE PANDEMIC

COVID Coach can support you with information to help you stay balanced, connected, safe, healthy, and sane.

- Learn about healthy behaviors to protect yourself during the pandemic
- Find tips to help you with remote working, parenting, and caregiving
- Explore indoor activities to do on your own, with a partner, or with children

### MANAGE SELF-CARE AND WELL-BEING

Find tools to help you manage stress during the pandemic. You can also mark the activities that are your favorites and create your own tools.

- Practice relaxation and other stress-management exercises
- Track your mood, anxiety level, well-being, and stress symptoms over time to recognize patterns and figure out what works for you
- Create your own personal support network

## SET PERSONAL GOALS AND TRACK GROWTH

Creating a goal for yourself—something you can do on a daily basis to help you take care of yourself—and tracking your growth is a helpful way to focus on the positive.

- Set personal goals, small things to help yourself, a family member, or a friend
- View graphs that show your growth over time
- Set reminders to visit the app each day and work toward your goals

#### **GET SUPPORT**

If you're in crisis, use COVID Coach to connect with people who can help. There are also resources available if you just want to talk. Add contact information for people you trust and reach out when you need support.







