



# STRESS MANAGEMENT IN CHILDREN DURING COVID 19

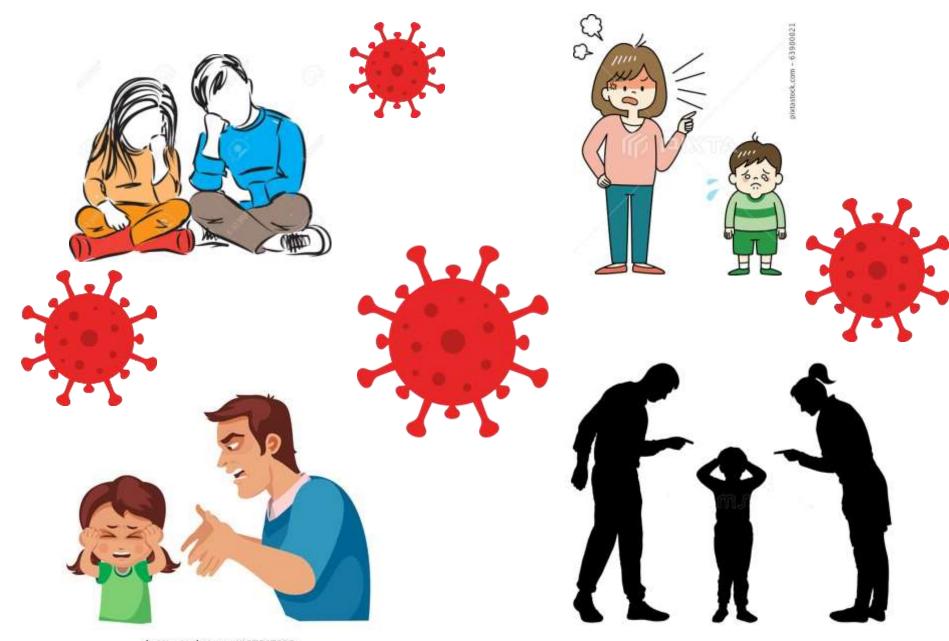
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- 1. They are not going to school
  - → Missing their friends
  - → Absence of classmates makes studies boring
  - → Missing the school environment







- 2. Lack of physical activity
  - → No playground fun
  - > Energetic children become frustrated
  - → Missing a companion leads to shy and withdrawn behaviour.







- 3. Excessive screen time
  - → 2-3 hrs of screen time
  - → Children develop headache, fatigue etc
  - → Disinterest in online classes



- 4. They miss their freedom
  - → Healthy mischief causes no harm
  - → It is crucial for overall growth
  - → This idea is beyond the concept of manners and decency







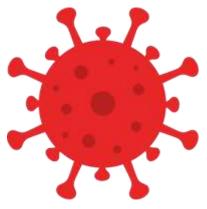
- 5. Lack of real-life experience
  - → Minimal/no practical interaction
  - → Slow development in maturity and smartness.
  - → Scolding from parents causes stress too



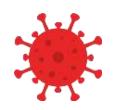


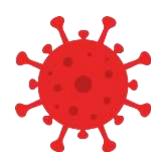




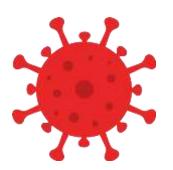


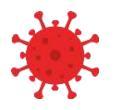












- 1. Your child's mood is what your mood is
  - → If you are sad, so is your child
  - → If you are angry, so is your child
  - > If you are happy, your child is happy too







- 2. Be happy, at least in front of your child
  - → Children get happy seeing you happy
  - → It creates a positive environment
  - > Encourages child to open up to parents







- 3. Avoid criticising in front of your child
  - → Don't curse your fate, job or life
  - → Criticism is avoiding responsibilities
  - → Children tend to stay on the back foot when it comes to leadership.





- 4. Don't let your work frustration out on your family in any way
  - → Avoid quarrelling with spouse
  - → Avoid scolding your child for small mistakes

→ Remember, your frustration is your child's frustration.



- 5. Practice all the habits that you wish to see in your child
  - → Avoid lying over a phone call
  - → Avoid sedentary lifestyle
  - → Be enthusiastic and take up new challenges



#### How to decide if your child is stressed?

Common symptoms of stress and anxiety

- 1. Moody behaviour
- 2. Aggressive/frustrated behaviour
- 3. Laziness
- 4. Longing desires of something
- 5. Sadness
- 6. Insomnia/too much sleep
- 7. Too little/too much appetite
- 8. Unjustified fatigue

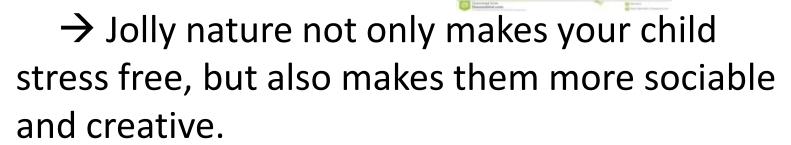
- Children must be in touch with friends and family through:
  - → Phone call
  - → Video call
  - → Letter writing
- If you fear that video call or phone call increases digital time, opt for letter writing. It:
  - → Makes your child expressive and creative
  - Helps them know about old means of communication, develops a sense of gratitude for the facilities they have.
    - → Causes minimal harm to eyes.

- Exercise/yoga helps your child to stay stress free. It improves overall condition of one's body and keeps your child active.
  - → A good way to channelize your ward's energy
  - → Remember, your habit is your child's habit
  - Go slow, understand your child's stamina and limit.

- Minimise your child's screen time using the following ways:
  - → Avoid television and video games
  - → Buy new books for your child
  - → Solving puzzles and reading lead to mental and emotional growth.
  - → Don't watch TV, YouTube videos in front of your ward as it distracts them
  - → Avoid using internet as a homework tool. Discuss and talk with your child.



- 4. Let them have fun (in a constructive way)
  - → Crack jokes
  - → Play with them
  - → Laugh, a lot



→ Become their favourite companion





- 5. Engage your child in household work:
  - → Clean, broom and wash with them
  - → Teach them how to repair
  - → Show them how to create
  - → Explain that household chores are not just a woman's job
    - > Reward them for every achievement,
    - no matter how small
    - → Slowly, make them independent



#### **Quick Tips**

- Avoid forcing them to do anything
- Do not punish, in any way
- Do not expect quick results
- NEVER compare your child with anyone
- Know their interests and engage them in suitable activities
- Never ignore their problems, no matter how small they might appear
- START TODAY

# **Any Questions?**

Feel free to ask, we'd love to help!





