

### A Workforce Burnout Crisis: Exploring Signs and Solutions

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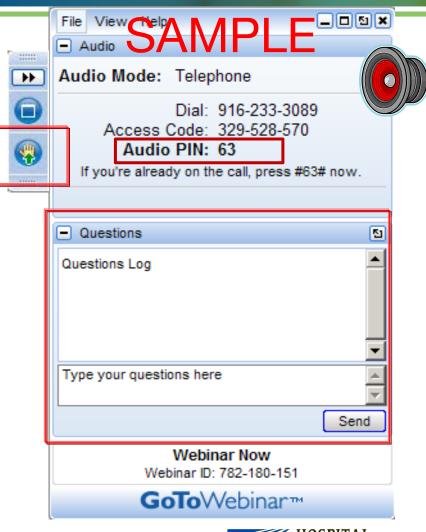
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# **Today's Panelists**







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### Workforce Burnout Outcomes and Response to COVID-19

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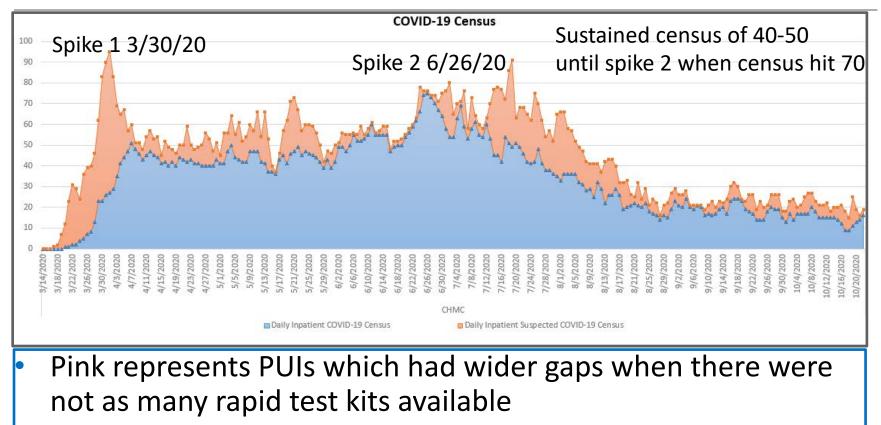
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### Dignity Health CHMC – Who we are

- CHMC is a non-profit teaching hospital located in Downtown LA serving the community for 130 years and dedicated to serving the poor and vulnerable that is part of CommonSpirit Health that operates hospitals and ambulatory care in 21 states
- 1,700 employees and 450 medical providers; 200 volunteers
- Busiest private Level II Trauma Center in LA County (80K ED visits); maternity center (births 3000) with a CCS Level III NICU
- General medical-surgical services including primary stroke, Cardiac Cath Lab, Endoscopy and Surgical Services (8000k)
- Extensive community benefit programs dedicated to comprehensive health and wellness



### COVID-19 Impact CHMC Mar 30<sup>th</sup> to Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>



 Stressful because of the unknown and having to adjust bed placement for patients awaiting test results despite having 83 negative pressure rooms



### Workforce Impacts

- Total 859 inpatients; 8% raw mortality rate
- ED discharged 465 patients testing positive
- LOA rate 8% and 15% for a few weeks in Spike 1
- ICU and Respiratory OT double from pre-COVID

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Anxiety and fear at the frontlines - when brand of PPE changed; CDC changed protocols; worried about having help and doing the right thing; fear of the unknown In ED and ICU the team saw more death in a three month period than most had seen in three years

### **Consequences of Burnout**

- Physical exhaustion related to OT, work pace, change in hospital routines, running out of ICU beds
- Worry about risk to their own families, for patient's families with difficult circumstances and knowledge gap about what treatments were most effective
- Difficulty coping because of stress at work and home



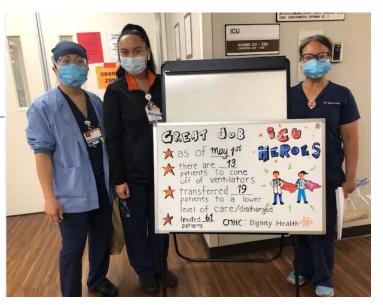
#### **Employee safety and engagement survey results**

- Responses indicated high level of exhaustion and feelings about inadequacy of staffing and equipment resources
- Staff were positive about teamwork and coworkers; knew methods to escalate patient safety issues

### **Combatting Burnout**

### **HRO Tools**

- Encourage staff to use HRO tools such as to speak up with concerns
- Preoccupation with failure don and doff partners; proning team
   Visible Leader Rounding to Staff



- Check-in how staff are doing, listen and update them on new procedures, equipment (i.e. changes in PPE) or staffing
- Incident Command provided on site Clinical Director 24x7 to troubleshoot issues with staff

#### **Planning and Communication**

- Town Hall meetings; President's Newsletter; Huddle book
- COVID Briefing Engage clinical leadership and medical staff Recognize and Celebrate with Staff
- Nurses Week; Hospital Week



### Promoting Resilience and Wellness

#### Support

- Spiritual care rounding; Tea for the Soul
- Access to mental health professionals
- Program on Resiliency offered
- Special break areas for social distancing
- Market in cafeteria



- Community generosity hotels; meals; care baskets
- Participate in stipend program providing support for child care
- Redeploy staff to other areas to help with screening, stocking PPE and proning teams

### Celebrate

- Recognize staff on rounds; kudo boards; patient outcomes
- Code Sunshine to celebrate patients when COVID-19 discharged
- DAISY Award for Nurses Week; Habitat Truck for Hospital Week
- Discuss recovery and return to the "new normal"

California Hospital Medical Center

### Lessons Learned



- **Over communicate** always; listen to the frontlines
- Identify key leaders to connect with staff regularly JIT learning
- **Debrief and prepare** for the next wave anticipate the worst
  - Plan for incident management and containment
  - Mitigation plans and surge management
  - Bio surveillance, data and information management learn from patterns and trends
- **Reduce staff stress** Utilize tools to evaluate capacity to trigger next phase of HICS; triggers for equipment and staffing
- Save staff time Optimize digital tools to communicate with families, patients, providers and staff
- Utilize resilient staff to role model coping skills



### Thank you

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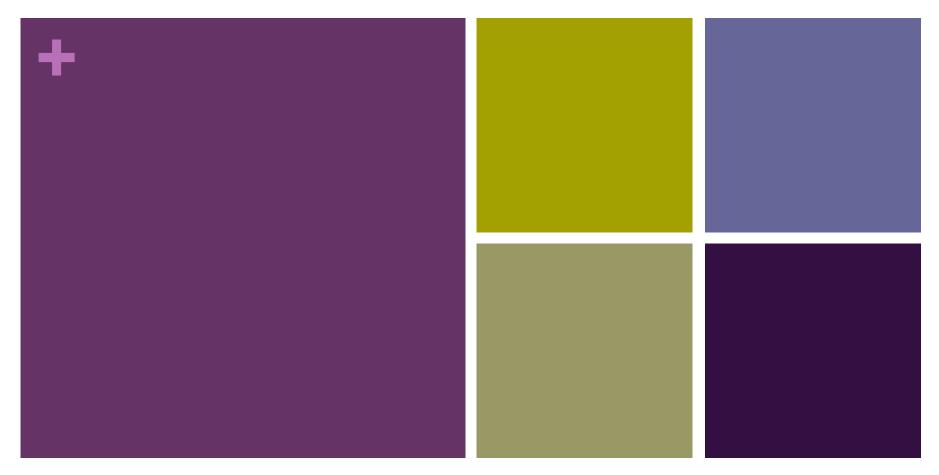
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### What's Up With 2020? Managing Your Own Wellbeing

Jeannine Loucks, MSN, RN BC PMH Clinical Education Department St. Joseph Hospital

### St. Joseph Hospital of Orange

- Founded in 1929 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange
- One of the largest hospitals in Orange County = 463 licensed beds
- I<sup>st</sup> in Orange County and 22<sup>nd</sup> busiest ED in California (81,227 visits)
- 4th in Orange County and 30<sup>th</sup> in the State for surgical volume (17,486)
- Approximately 5,000 babies delivered each year
- Employees:  $\approx$  2,300
- Physicians on Staff: ≈ 1,100
- Volunteers:  $\approx 500$
- 24/7 Intensivists
- 24/7 Hospitalists









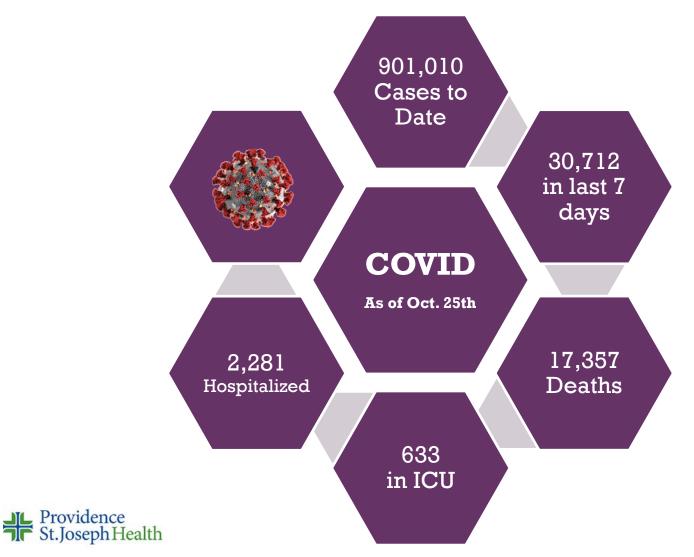
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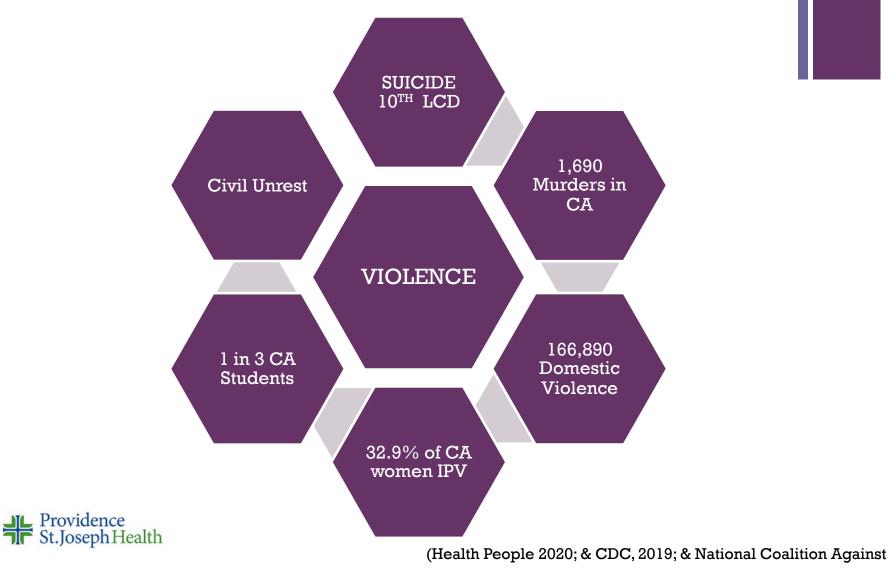
A disaster is a serious disruption occurring over a short or long period of time that causes widespread human toll, material, economic or environmental loss which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to coping using its own resources.

# + CALIFORNIA STATISTICS



(CDPH.Ca.gov, 2020)





Domestic Violence, 2019)

# BURDEN ON + HEALTHCARE WORKERS



- Multinational cross-sectional study (United Kingdom, Poland, & Singapore)
- N 3,537
- 2,364 (67%) screened positive for burnout
- **701 (20%) for anxiety**
- 389 (11%) for depression



# COMPASSION FATIGUE



- Secondary trauma
  - PTSD symptoms among law enforcement, healthcare providers and fire service personnel
- Burnout
  - Physical, emotional, and mental exhaustion
  - Withdrawal
  - Negatively impact job satisfaction, morale, attendance, and turnover rate
  - Know your own vulnerabilities

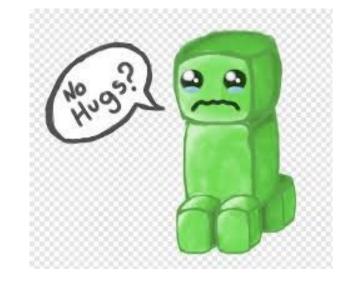
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### SOCIAL DISTANCE

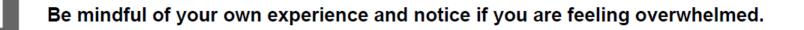


### Contributing Factors

- Fear
- Loss
- Social Distance







- Feeling helpless or hopeless
- Change in sleeping or eating patterns
- Increased emotional isolation
- · Feelings of guilt
- Feeling fearful
- Feelings of anger or cynicism

- Extreme exhaustion or fatigue
- · Experiencing intense emotions
- Minimizing or dismissing others' concerns
- Difficulty empathizing
- · Challenges listening to others
- · Increased alcohol, tobacco, or substance use



SIGNS

(SAMHSA, 2020)

# + RESOURCES



#### Purpose

 The aim is to recognize that self-care is not something for "later" and that addressing emotional needs and immediate reduction of caregiver stress are vital aspects of a healthy work environment



- Reactive/Just-in-time
- Immediate response to support staff in times of emotional distress
- Being present and listening
- Proactive debrief
   Forum that creates a safe environment for caregivers & providers to share emotional impact of their work
- Lessons learned



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# 4 A's of Wellbeing

#### Avoid

- 1. Learn how to say "no"
- 2. Avoid people who stress you out
- 3. Take control of your environment
- 4. Pare down your to-do list

#### Adapt

- 1. If you can't change the stressor, change you
- 2. Reframe the problem
- 3. Look at the bigger
- 4. Don't major in the minors

#### Alter

- 1. Change the way you operate in your life
- 2. Express your feelings vs. bottling them up
- 3. Learn to compromise

#### Accept

- 1. Accept the things you can't change
- 2. Don't try to control the uncontrollable
- 3. Look for the upside







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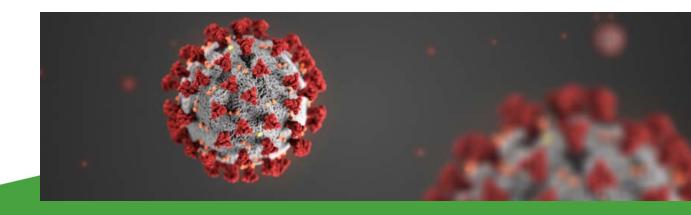
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A Workforce Burnout Crisis:

#### **Exploring Signs and Solutions**

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#### MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center (OCMC)

- 222-bed community hospital in Fountain Valley
- 100,000 patients yearly

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- 1,500 hospital staff, including 600+ RNs and 800 medical staff
- Magnet designation in 2016, awaiting re-designation survey 2020
- Leapfrog grade of "A" consistently
- Top Workplace 2019 by the OC Register
- Best of Orange County 2020 Hospital, 4 consecutive years













### MemorialCare – Integrated Healthcare Delivery System



MemorialCare is an integrated healthcare delivery system with 4 hospitals (total over 1,200 beds)

- Orange Coast
- Saddleback
- Long Beach
- Miller Children's & Women's Hospital



### Other advice for community leaders



Anticipating the economic slowdown of a public health crisis and media attention

- Protecting the health of your staff
- Economic sustainability of your business
- Impact on the community at large

TIPS:

Overall, stay calm and steady. Certainty comes from proactively and strategically planning for the unknown. This can also be a defining leadership moment – leading well through uncertain times.

- 1. Keep staff informed by committing to weekly communication
- 2. Heighten the level of workplace safety and cleanliness
- 3. Update travel, work-from-home and LOA policies
- 4. Secure cash flow
- 5. Extend support to staff customers and community

Source: info@onstrategyhq.com





HOW PANDEMIC CRISIS IMPACTS NURSE TURNOVER



## RN Reasons for Leaving from Exit Interviews

## Top 3 reasons for leaving prior to and during the pandemic:

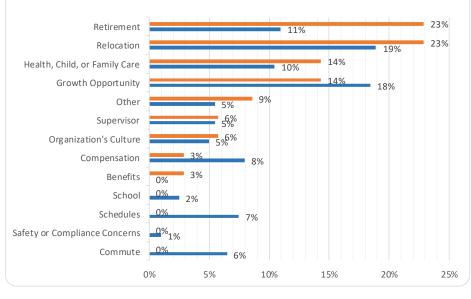
| Prior            | Pandemic Period         |  |
|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Relocation, 19%  | Retirement, 23%         |  |
| Growth Opp., 18% | Relocation, 23%         |  |
| Retirement, 11%  | Health/Family Care, 14% |  |
| Total: 48%       | Total: 60%              |  |

During the pandemic, more nurses left for retirement and relocation, total 46%.

It appears that the pandemic might have created opportunities for relocation or had an impact on major life decisions such as re-location, retirement and health/family care.

#### RN PRIMARY REASONS FOR LEAVING

Pandemic Prior





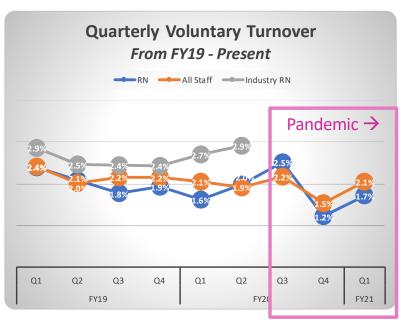
#### Turnover Comparison

MemorialCare's turnover has been lower than the industry's trend.

It appears that the pandemic has created a zigzagging/uncertain trend in turnover.

The increase in FY21 Q1 may suggest some recovery underway as companies begin to reopen.

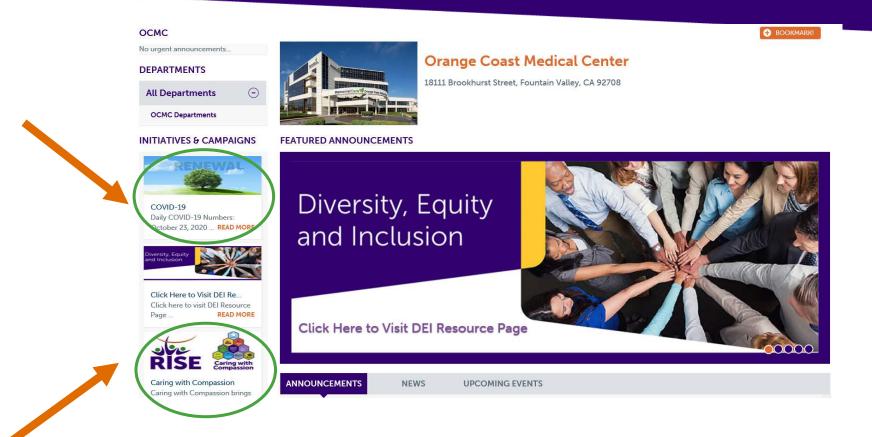
\*FY starts July and ends June



Industry source: HASC for SoCal region



#### OCMC Resources – Intranet





#### COVID-19 Resources





Daily COVID-19 Numbers

Resources

**Coronavirus Home Page** 

Bereavement Support for Children

California Health Resources

CDC Links

**CEO** Communications

Communications

**Communication Tips for Difficult Conversations** 

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Coping Strategies

Daily COVID-19 Numbers

Daily Updates

Education

**Employee FAQs** 

Hero Stories

Long Beach Resources

MCMG Resources

**Orange County Resources** 

Palliative Care and Symptom Management

Spanish Resources

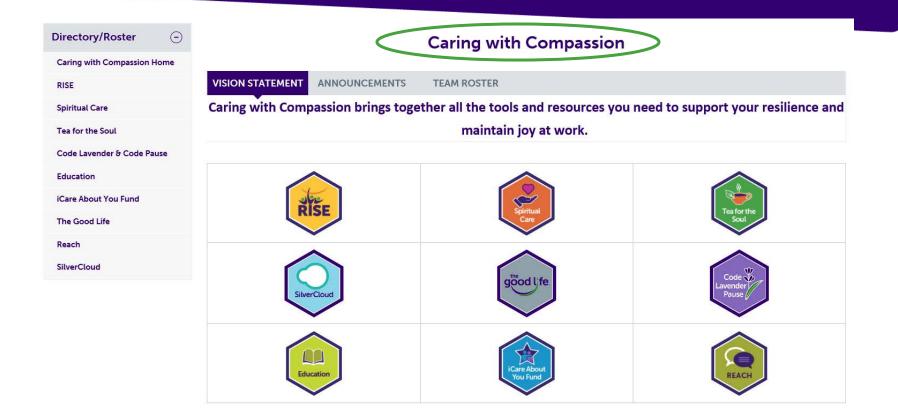
Tip Sheets, Guidelines and Instructions

TLC Resources

Videos



### OCMC Resources – Resiliency and Wellness





## RISE Resilience in Stressful Events





When caring for others affects you, RISE is here.

RISE stands for Resilience in Stressful Events. It's confidential peer support that provides timely support to staff, physicians, and volunteers in response to stressful, work-related events.

#### The Rise Team is here for you!

Call the RISE <u>Confidential</u> Hotline Number: (844) 901-PEER (7337) and select your campus in the voicemail options. The RISE program is offered Monday-Friday 8:00-16:30.





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#### Tea for the Soul – Roving











## SilverCloud



- digital platform for <u>patients and staff</u> an online educational and therapeutic program
- interactive tools and tactics with help of a <u>human coach</u>
- free, self-paced and can be used anytime on any device (smartphone, tablet, computer)



## Helps manage mild to moderate issues of the following:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Anxiety & Depression
- Stress
- Resilience
- Insomnia & Sleep Issues

#### **Recommended use:**

40 minutes per week, 3-4 times/week, over 6-8 weeks



### The Good Life

Resources

Champion Network

Ergonomic Assessment Financial Wellness

Healthy Eating

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The Good Life

#### 🕗 🞯 ACTION CALENDAR: <u>OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER</u> 2020 💿 😔

| Remember<br>that things<br>can change for<br>the better                    | 1 Write down<br>your most<br>important goals<br>for this month<br>8 Make progress<br>on a project or<br>task you have<br>been avoiding                        | 2 Look for<br>reasons to be<br>hopeful even in<br>difficult times<br>9 Avoid blaming<br>yourself or others.<br>Just find the best  | <ul> <li>Take the first<br/>step towards a<br/>goal that really<br/>matters to you</li> <li>10 Take time<br/>to reflect on what<br/>you have achieved</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Be a realistic optimist. See i as it is, but for on what's god</li> <li>Focus on a positive change</li> </ul>   |
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| to overcome an<br>obstacle you<br>are facing                               | 15 Look out for<br>positive news<br>and reasons to be<br>cheerful today   | 16 Thank yourself<br>for achieving the<br>things you often<br>take for granted   | 17 Share your<br>most important<br>goals with<br>people you trust  | 18 Make a list<br>of things that<br>you are lookin<br>forward to   |
| 21 Let go of the<br>expectations of<br>others and focus<br>on what matters | 22 Share an<br>inspiring idea<br>with a loved one<br>or colleague   | 23 Write down<br>3 specific things<br>that have gone<br>well recently  | 24 Recognise<br>that you have a<br>choice about<br>what to prioritise  | 25 Plan a fun<br>or exciting<br>activity to loc<br>forward to  |
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The Good Life



#### Oct. 1 - Nov. 1, 2020

#### GET YOUR TASTE BUDS READY!

You'll channel your inner globetrotter in this challenge. Along the way, try new, international recipes, and earn up to 500 points towards a Good Life virtual trophy!



#### More on this later



Inspiration Nomination Quit Smoking SilverCloud Stretch Break Walking Trails Working Remotely

Counseling & Stress Management Support

Let's remember our staff working remotely!

### Code Pause & Lavender



#### **Code Pause**

- Called internally immediately after a difficult code or distressing event occurs
- Any interdisciplinary team member can call to provide a brief debrief/check-in
- Gather Pause
- What did the team do well?
- What could we do better for next time?
- What do you need to be able to be successful in returning to work right now?

#### **Code Lavender**

- Is coordinated response by trained, interdisciplinary team to traumatic or stressful events
- Team provides emotional and administrative support – critical incident stress debriefing
- Goal is to provide support/crisis intervention so team can process event, address their response and coping after the event = combat compassion fatigue and burnout
- Utilize toolkit for immediate support
- Consult team for additional support



#### iCare About You

The iCare About You fund gives employees an opportunity to provide support and encouragement to co-workers to proactively prevent compassion fatigue or burnout due to challenging work-related circumstances:

- difficult or demanding patient situations
- unexpected patient death
- *difficult interactions*



#### Tool Kit Items:

## - Meal or coffee gift certificates from the various MemorialCare locations

- Tea

- Hand lotion

Lip balm

Popcorn

**Dark Chocolate** 

Other hospital gift shop items under \$10.00



### Wait ... we have more

- Leadership Rounding
- Town Halls in-person & virtual
- Systemwide Resilience Committee
- Wellist

VirginPulse app

**Wellist** 

- Overhead mindful moment readings 3x/day
- Orange Coaster of the Week
- Virtual Encouragement Wall for staff
- REACH (EAP)

New Hope Grief Support Community

• Confidential Zoom support for nurses

#### Treat your staff – literally

- every week we provide a treat such as Fruit Friday, spa (fruit infused) water, baked good or something similar for the entire hospital
- hospital leaders rotate to carry this out for day and night shifts



## Ongoing ...

Check out our Night Shift Council!

## **CONNECT!**

- Utilize data, data, data
- Plan, plan, plan
- Communicate, communicate, communicate







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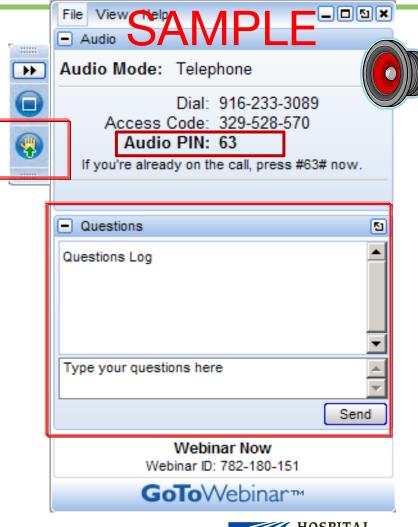


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# Roundtable Discussion



## **Discussion Questions**

- What does worker fatigue and burnout look like in your organization?
- What strategies has your organization implemented to overcome worker fatigue and burnout?
- How can the association help?



# Thank you!

