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Measures to Enhance Mental Health and Wellbeing	General Wellbeing	Those with general mental health issues	Obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD)	Learning Disability	Autism	Older people
Consider how to connect with others and help and support them						
Contacting trusted friends, family and colleagues is key to mental wellbeing.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Make regular contact via telephone, video calls or social media instead of meeting up.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Identify how to provide help and support to others. Message a friend or family member nearby. Join community groups to support family while at sea.	✓	✓				
Try to accept other people's concerns, worries or behaviours.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maintain daily physical wellbeing						
Physical health impacts on emotional and mental feelings. At difficult times, it can be easy to adopt unhealthy behaviours which can make things worse. Eat healthy, well-balanced meals, drink enough water, exercise where possible, and avoid smoking and alcohol.	✓	✓				✓
Life is changing for everyone. Staying on board or social distancing will cause disruption to the normal routine. Review how to adapt and create positive new routines, engage in useful activities (e.g. cleaning or exercise) or meaningful ones (e.g. reading or calling a friend). It may be helpful to write a daily plan.	✓	✓				✓
Manage panic and anxiety						
When having panic attacks or flashbacks plan a 'safe space' to go to.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
If spending more time on board, seafarers may feel trapped or claustrophobic and should try if possible to go outside daily. Open windows if possible to let in fresh air, and sit with an external view. Change rooms visited (if possible) to give a sense of space.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Manage worry and stress and seek help when struggling						
The COVID-19 outbreak may be stressful and cause worry about changes that occur because of it, including having to stay on board.	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Do not forget about other health conditions and take any medication prescribed.	✓	✓		✓		
Share feelings and coping strategies with family and friends, or contact ISWAN SeafarerHelp or a Seafarers' Mission to help.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
If needing medical treatment, share medical information or diagnosis with medical staff.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Request help for example with shopping or running errands and let those around you know what they can do or contact Seafarers help or the local port welfare provider.	✓	✓				✓
Manage difficult feelings						
Seafarers should focus on things they can control by acquiring information and better preparation. Worries outside personal control and repetitive thoughts are unhelpful.	✓	✓				
OCD can make it hard to absorb advice due to problematic washing or hygiene behaviours .			✓			
Avoid re-reading advice about Covid-19 if this is unhelpful	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Advise others when struggling, for example, ask them not to discuss the news	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Set limits	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Plan something to do to change focus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Contact the mental health team						
Contact the mental health team to discuss continuing care and to update medical plans.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Improve sleep						
Anxiety or worries can make it harder to get a good night's sleep. Good quality sleep enhances mental and physical wellbeing. Maintain regular sleeping patterns and good practices, avoid screens before bed, reduce caffeine and create a restful environment.	✓	✓				✓
Manage personal media and information intake						
24-hour news and constant social media updates can increase worry. Limit time to a maximum of twice daily checks to watch, read, or listen to media coverage.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gather information from this guidance document to accurately determine risks of contracting COVID-19 to take reasonable precautions. Inaccurate information can also negatively affect others so do not share information without fact-checking sources.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Set goals and plan to keep mentally well						
Setting goals and achievement gives a sense of control and purpose so identify things to do on board. Watch a film, read a book or learn something online.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exercise on board and download 10 minute work outs or other exercise videos.	✓	✓				
Continue normal activities to keep well. If support is available from others, plan how to remain well and relaxed with them.	✓	✓			✓	
Keep a diary	✓	✓			✓	
View Brain in Hand https://www.autism.org.uk/services/education/brain-in-hand.aspx					✓	
Use strategies that have helped previously.	✓	✓				
Do enjoyable things and keep an active mind						
People may do enjoyable things less often, or not at all when anxious, lonely or low. Pursuing a favourite hobby, learning something new or taking time to relax indoors should provide relief from anxiety and can enhance mood.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
If unable to do activities due to staying on board, adapt them, or try something new.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Read, write, play games, do crossword puzzles, sudokus, jigsaws or drawing and painting. Many free tutorials and courses are available online and people are producing innovative online solutions like online pub quizzes and streamed live music concerts.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Relax and focus on the present						
This can help with difficult emotions, worries about the future and improve wellbeing. Relaxation techniques can also help some people manage feelings of anxiety.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spend time outside, or bring nature in						
Social distancing guidelines enable seafarers to exercise outside daily to enhance wellbeing. If unable to get outside there can be positive effects by opening windows (if possible) to provide fresh air, arrange space to sit for a nice view and get some natural sunlight.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
If walking outside follow the recommended social distancing guidance.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
With increased risk of severe illness and need to stringently follow social distancing measures when onboard, some older people, particularly those with pre-existing medical conditions, may be concerned or affected by changes required to daily life.	✓	✓				✓
Alcohol reduction						
It can be dangerous to stop quickly without support. If physical withdrawal symptoms occur (like shaking, sweating or anxiety until having the first daily drink), seek medical advice.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓