

**Business to Business Zoom Conference Series** 

It's the Holiday Season:
Balancing kid expectations,
your diet, and family obligations



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# Today's Topics:

- 1. Helping our kids set expectations for the holidays
- 2. Living with diabetes and enjoying the holidays
- 3. Helping employees balance work and family obligations
- 4. Latest on COVID-19



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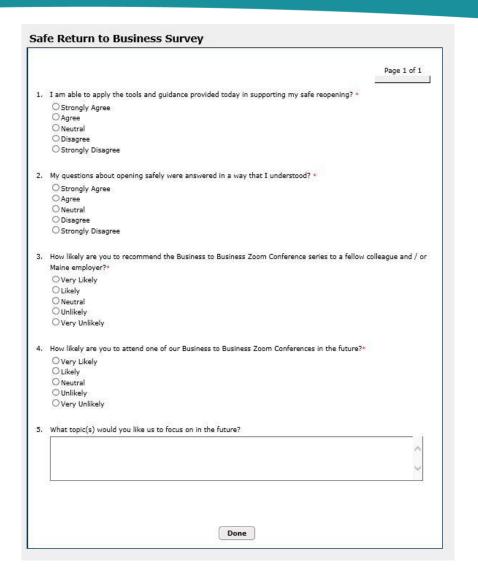
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# Ask us questions – give us feedback – this hour is for you

 Please use the chat function to ask your questions at anytime.



Helping our kids set expectations for the holidays

## Validating the effects of COVID-19 – A review

# **Grief and Loss Stages (Elisabeth Kubler-Ross)**

- 1 Denial: Allows us the time to start to adjust to the loss
  - 2 Anger: May give us a temporary structure to what we're feeling versus feeling lost
  - Bargaining: "What if" and "If only" thinking while we try for a temporary truce
  - 4 Depression: Is the appropriate response to loss!
- 5 Acceptance: Doesn't mean you're "ok" with the loss, just that you've accepted the reality



The Big Idea: These stages help us process our grief experience and gives us a common language to understand our feelings.

# Welcome to the 2020 Holiday Season....sort of.....



## High Risk

- Large, indoor gatherings
- Gatherings with individuals outside of most immediate family
- Long-lasting events
- Shopping in crowded stores
- Attending crowded public events
- Substance use (clouds judgement and increase carelessness)



## Moderate Risk

- Large, outdoor gatherings
- Events that include people outside of your immediate family
- Public spaces that attract lots of visitors
- Attending outdoor sporting events



### Low Risk

- Small, immediate household members gathering
- Contact-free meals (self-serve and "to go")
- Watching events (parades/sports) from home
- Online shopping

## Supporting youth across all ages

## 0-3 years old

- Take off the pressure!
- Keep things simple
- Give lots of attention, quiet time, and snuggles
- Give yourself permission to scale back on gifts and elaborate celebrations



## 4-6 years old

- Focus on creating new traditions together
- Try out some new crafts or making different meals together
- Validate that it's OK to feel sad, angry, or disappointed
- Try out some virtual visits from Santa and with extended family/friends

# Supporting youth across all ages

## 6-12 years old

- Reinforce safety precautions
- Validate all feelings
- Focus on resiliency building
- Engage youth in developing ideas on how to make holidays special this year
- Try out some new and fun selfcare/relaxation strategies together



## 13-18 years old

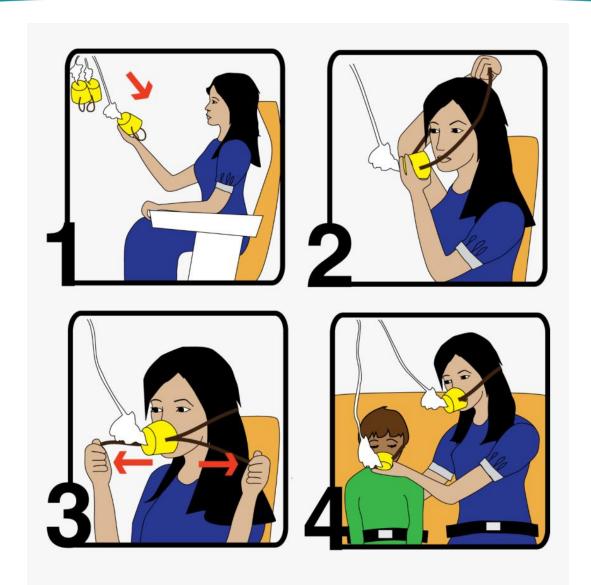
- Check in (verbally or non-verbally)
   often and make yourself available if
   they need to talk
- LISTEN & watch for signs of being "off"
- Give choices where you can (offer a sense of control)
- Encourage creativity on community engagement (donations, letters to folks who are sick, or a food drive)

## **Creating New Traditions, New Memories**

"Innovation is the ability to see change as an opportunity – not a threat." – Steve Jobs



# And, don't forget...



## **Healthy Life Resources**

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The mental and emotional well-being of your organization is critically important. Northern Light Acadia Hospital has expertise in helping people of all ages exposed to prolonged stress, anxiety, and trauma. Through Healthy Life Resources, we offer a comprehensive, coordinated, and actionable set of supports for your organization to promote mental and emotional well-being,

#### Self-guided Support

Employees can access mental wellness resources on demand through MyStrength, a self-guided, digital, evidence-based platform that provides resources and interactive activities to help employees reduce stress and negative feelings. Those who use MyStrength will also have access to a personal and confidential mental wellness coach.

#### Leadership Support

Web-based trainings focused on learning the signs and symptoms of stress in yourself and staff using a simple, three-step model to utilize during staff meetings and/or team huddles. This service also provides practical ways to prevent compassion fatigue and burnout, and provides on-going, live Q&A.

#### Resiliency Training/Development

Resilience is the ability for individuals, teams, and organizations to adapt to change through a crisis with integrity, compassion, and respect. Organizations can access a comprehensive, evidence-based resiliency plan tailored for the unique needs of the individual organization.

#### Critical Incident and Stress Management

This service is an on-demand virtual or in-person debriefing provided by Northern Light Acadia Hospital clinical experts when an organization experiences acute or persistent stress. This service focuses on min imizing anxiety, improving employee wellness, and increasing resiliency.

#### School-based Services

Our school-based services address the growing need for accessible mental healthcare in the school setting. Learn more about these service options, including our Student-Based Mental Health Center which provides a dedicated master's degree-licensed clinician in your school. This clinician is easily and readily accessible to students and their families, as well as provides support to district educators and staff members.

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Living with diabetes and enjoying the holidays

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## **November is National Diabetes Month**



Halloween Candy
Thanksgiving
Holiday Parties
New Year's Eve

# Have a Plan..... Heading into the Holidays



Continue to Make Healthy Choices

Continue to Participate in

Purposeful Physical Activity

## It is a Choice.....



What must you have? What are you willing to give up?

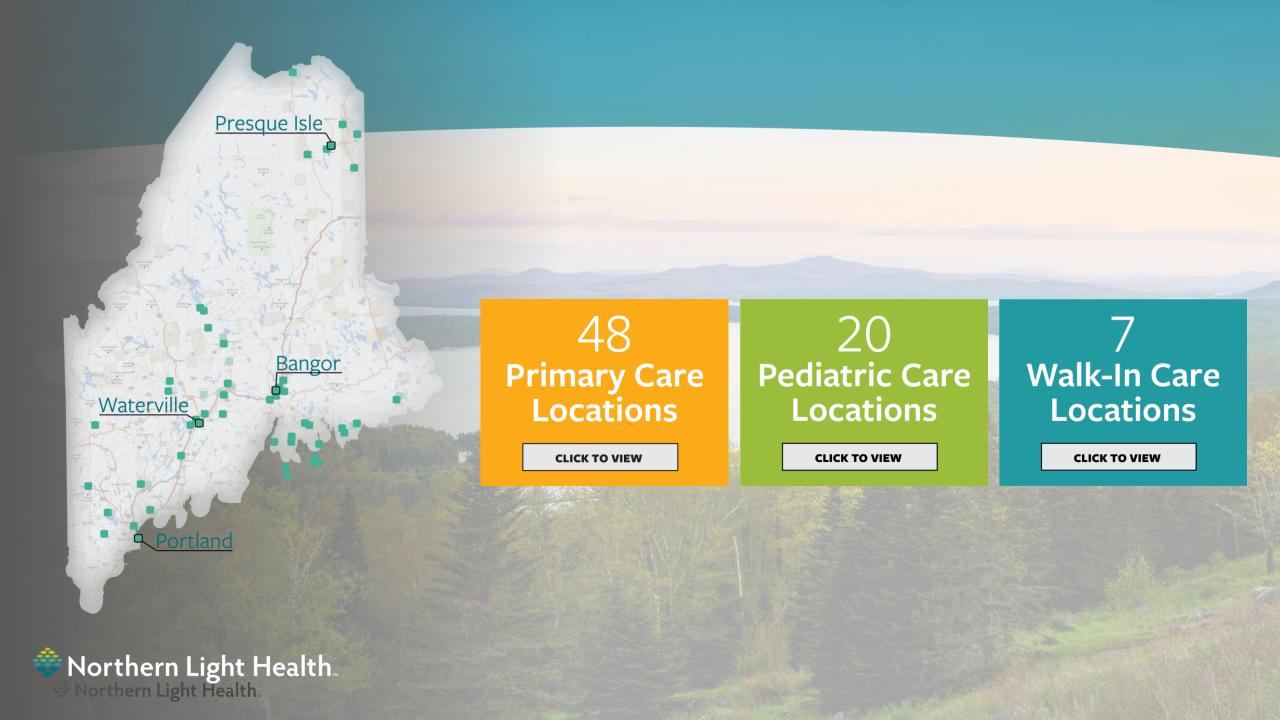
Trading one for another?

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# **Enjoy Your Family and Friends**



Don't get stressed out!!



Helping employees balance work and family obligations

# A Juggling Act



- Work
- Family
- Social
- Emotional
- Physical
- Spiritual
- Financial

# What is the Cost?

- ☐ Loss of Wages
- ☐ Impact on Work Performance
- ☐ Impact on Emotional and Physical Health
- ☐ Limited choices
- ☐ Employer not Aware
- ☐ Leaving Workforce
- ☐ Economic Impacts
- ☐ Lack of supportive Policies



# The Empty Cup Theory



- √ Talk about Self Care
- ✓ Offer ideas
- ✓ Make it Fun
- ✓ Make it Easy
- ✓ Do it for yourself

# **Resources for Employers**

## **Supporting Caregivers**

- https://nebgh.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/NEBGH-Caregiving Practical-Guide-FINAL.pdf
- https://www.caregiver.org/caregiver-statistics-work-and-caregiving
- https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/parenting-and-culture/202009/5strategies-balancing-work-and-family-during-covid

## **Work Life Balance**

https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/352278

## **Helpful Maine Resources**

- <a href="https://www.equalitymaine.org/COVID19resources">https://www.equalitymaine.org/COVID19resources</a>
- https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus-resources
- https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/populationhealth/hmw/resources/Wellness%20Resources%20Healthy%20Maine%20Works.html
- https://strengthenme.com/
- https://www.mainepsych.org/resources/covid-19-resources/
- https://northernlighthealth.org/Locations/Eastern-Maine-Medical-Center/Care-Centers-Services/Cancer-Care/Support-Groups/Coping-with-COVID-19-related-stress-Resources-for

### Northern Light Home Care & Hospice Locations:

Serving Cumberland, York, Kennebec, Somerset, Penobscot, Hancock, and Aroostook counties.

#### Bangor

885 Union Street, Suite 220

#### Ellsworth

441 Main Street

#### Presque Isle

18 Green Hill Drive, Suite 1

#### South Portland

50 Foden Road, Suite 1

#### Waterville

325-D Kennedy Memorial Drive



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#### To make a referral Central Intake

Phone: 866.591.8843

Fax: 207.400.8894

#### For information call

800.757.3326

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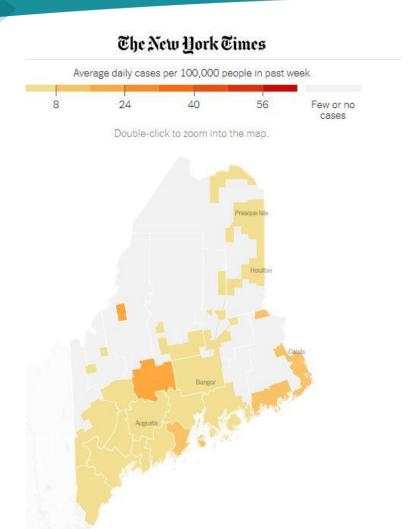
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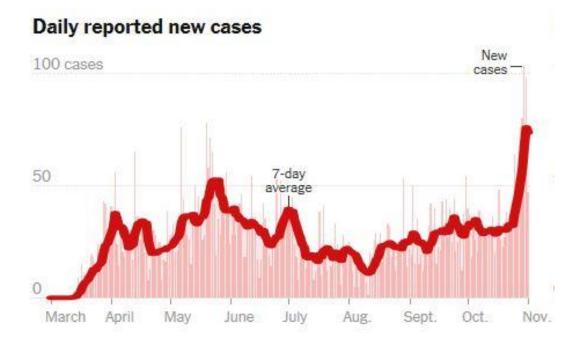




Latest on COVID-19

## **COVID-19 Numbers**

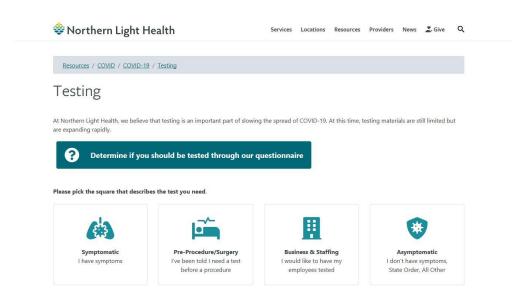




## Where to go for testing across Northern Light Health

## Screening

- Until more rapid availability of PCR Tests, symptoms are best +/- Temperature
- Consider simple "Are you feeling unwell?"
- Utilize CDC Symptom Checker
- Where to go
  - Changes almost daily
  - Best to reach out to local facilities
    - https://northernlighthealth.org/Resources/COVID-19/Testing



## Do the FIVE:

# **STOP**the spread of coronavirus

- **1. HANDS** Wash them often
- **2. ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3. FACE Don't touch it
- **4. FEET** Stay more than **6ft** apart
- **5. FEEL** sick? Stay home





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## Tools you can use:

## https://northernlighthealth.org/Resources/Safe-Return-to-Business



Resources / Safe Return to Business

### Safe Return to Business

As an employer, we are right here with you, navigating the same uncharted COVID-19 waters you are. We have learned a thing or two along the way and we want to share with you. As a healthcare system, Northern Light Health has in-house experts who can offer guidance to help you safely welcome your employees, customers, volunteers, and students. We are working through these concerns every day in our ten hospitals and at our more than 100 other locations across Maine. We look forward to helping you!

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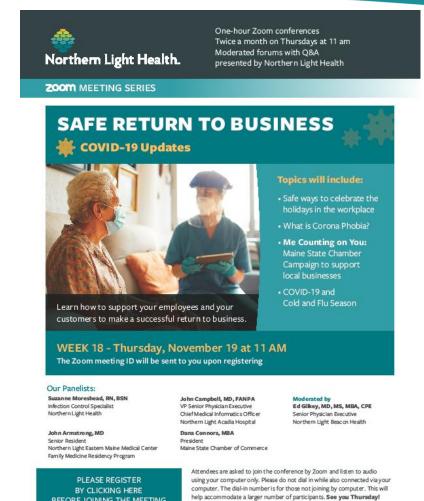
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## Join us Thursday, November 19: COVID-19 Updates

## Topics:

- Safe ways to celebrate the holidays in the workplace
- What is Corona Phobia?
- Me Counting on You Maine State Chamber Campaign to support local businesses
- COVID-19 and Cold and Flu Season



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