Resilience for Children & Families: Coronavirus

Right now, things seem really different. Maybe your school is closed. You might not be seeing friends or going to your activities. This can feel rough.

Resilience means figuring out how to get through hard things!

My name is Dr. Machelle. I have helped children around the world feel better after a trauma.

This is me with my friend Haiqi. We helped kids in a huge children's hospital in China.

If someone you love gets sick, they might go to the hospital and meet people like us. We support them when they feel sad or scared.

3 Things you can do to be healthy! It's as easy as ABC

Stay far Apart. Being at home all day is hard. But it keeps people safe.

Talk to friends and family who do not live in your home by phone or video if you can.

When you have to go out, stay 5 giant steps away from people.

You might need to use a louder voice to talk far away.

Kids, sometimes, do not seem sick at all, even if they have the virus.

BLUE paint! Clean your hands. Before and After every place you go.

Imagine doors, your nose & things you touch have blue paint all over them.

You need to wash that off before you get Blue Paint Everywhere. Yuck!

Sing your ABCs while you wash your hands, fingernails, and wrists.

When you finish the song, you are good to go!

Cover your Cough. Sneeze or cough into a tissue. Throw it away fast.

Oh, no. More blue paint. Quick! Wash your hands.

If you can, wear a mask like us when you go out.

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