Is your child showing signs of stress due to COVID-19?

CORONAVIRUS

## Help Your Child Cope with COVID-19 Related Stress

- Not all children and teens respond to stress in the same way. Watch for signs of stress or behavior changes like:
  - Excessive worry or sadness
  - Unhealthy eating habits
  - Unhealthy sleeping habits
  - Difficulty with attention and concentration
  - Irritability and "acting out" behaviors in teens
  - Unexplained headaches or body pain
- Ease your child's stress related to COVID-19 by:
  - Answering questions about the virus
  - Talking about how to stay safe
  - Limiting exposure to news coverage, including social media
  - Being a role model
  - Spending time with your child doing meaningful activities



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IMPORTANT NOTE: Children and teens react in part to what they see from the adults around them. When parents deal with COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for the children.