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Special Olympics **Healthy** Athletes®

Healthy Athletes® is a Special Olympics program that provides free health screenings and health education in a fun, welcoming environment with a focus on removing the anxiety people with intellectual disabilities often experience when faced with a visit to a medical professional. The impact of Healthy Athletes on the health and wellness of Special Olympics athletes around the world is significant! Since 1997, Healthy Athletes has discovered undetected health problems, alleviated pain and provided health services that otherwise would not be available.

Healthy Athletes is not only a program for athletes but, through training and hands-on experience at screenings, it is a program for health care students and professionals to increase knowledge of best practices in caring for people with intellectual disabilities.

Instructions

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Color in or place a sticker on the icons in each box when you complete the challenge!

<u>Remember:</u> Just because you finish your passport doesn't mean healthy behaviors have to stop! Stay healthy by completing these challenges all year long!

Here's an example of what a week might look like for you:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Healthy	FUN	Fit	Special	Health	Strong	Opening
Hearing	Fitness	Feet	Smiles	Promotion	Minds	Eyes
Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity
30 min	10 min	15 min	30 min	20 min	30 min	20 min
walk	stretch	dance	walk	strength	walk	balance

Remember, it is important to have a daily schedule. Try writing a daily to-do list, or keep track of your schedule in a day planner!



There are no wrong answers! Fill in the blanks with what you think is best!

Submit for a prize!





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Fill out this survey AFTER you complete as much of the passport as you can. Send it back for a chance to win a prize! You can also call (206) 681-9378 or visit specialolympicswashington.org to fill it out! Questions? Email dnorton@sowa.org

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Special Olympics Washington



Healthy Athletes Preferred Provider Survey Do you currently see a care provider you would recommend to other Special Olympics Athletes? We want to know!							
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How to help your athlete

Covid-19 and the subsequent stay at home order has made life difficult for everyone, especially our athletes. Here are some ways you can motivate and encourage your athlete(s) to continue to stay fit and active during this time.

- <u>Join in!</u> Help your athlete with the activities and participate in exercise. The more you join in, the better example you are setting.
- <u>Make fitness fun!</u> Put on your athlete's favorite music, go on walks to your athlete's favorite park, or dance around the house for aerobic exercise!
- <u>Stay positive</u>! It can be easy to get down in our current situation, but it is important that athlete's see you making the most of this weird time.
- <u>Practice self care!</u> You can't be the best caregiver for your athlete if you don't have anything to give! Take breaks, use meditation and calming techniques, and set boundaries for yourself.
- <u>Structure your day!</u> Set aside a time of day to do these activities with your athlete. Leave room in your schedule for rest, extra play, and creativity.
- <u>Help your athlete with activities!</u> Athlete's may need help reading instructions, completing activities, or finding the motivation to start an activity. Help by supporting them through activities and providing some external motivation! Remind your athlete that they will want to be fit and healthy when sports start again!

Special Olympics is here for you!

Special Olympics is still here to keep our athletes thriving during this time. Although we would love to see every athlete at Summer Games, we also want to keep every athlete safe. Below are some resources to keep athletes in shape and ready for the next competition season!



This program includes exercise videos, activity logs, and everything athletes need to stay fit!

<u>Find it here:</u> https://www.specialolympics.org/school-of-strength



Strong Minds Activity Guide

Strong Minds

Deck of 30 cards that can be printed or used digitally featuring all of the Strong Minds activities. These cards are designed to be used by athletes, coaches, families, teachers, etc.

> <u>Find it here:</u> https://rb.gy/v8neae



Fit 5 is based on the three simple goals of exercising 5 days per week, eating 5 total fruits and vegetables per day and drinking 5 water bottles of water per day. This program includes videos, fitness trackers and resources in many languages.

<u>Find it here:</u> https://resources.specialolympics.org/health/fitness/fit-5-page



Know how COVID-19 SPREADS

THE CORONAVIRUS IS SPREAD FROM PERSON TO PERSON





THROUGH TINY DROPLETS MADE WHEN AN INFECTED PERSON COUGHS, SNEEZES OR TALKS.

IT'S POSSIBLE, BUT NOT LIKELY, THAT A PERSON CAN GET COVID-19 BY TOUCHING A SURFACE OR OBJECT THAT HAS THE VIRUS ON IT AND THEN TOUCHING THEIR OWN MOUTH, NOSE, OR POSSIBLY EYES.



IT'S IMPORTANT TO WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP AND WATER FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.



SOURCE: CDC (CDC.GOV)



THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS MAY APPEAR 2-14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE:





CONTACT YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER IMMEDIATELY IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OF THESE SYPMTOMS.



Reduce the spread of **COVID-19**



WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based (minimum of 60% alcohol) hand sanitizer.



MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Maintain at least 6 feet distance between yourself and others in public.



AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE

Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth.



WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING

Wear a face covering when you are outside of your home or if you have symptoms of a respiratory illness such as cough, runny nose, or shortness of breath.



COVER YOUR COUGHS AND SNEEZES

Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when coughing or sneezing, dispose of tissue in the trash and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after coughing or sneezing.



FREQUENTLY DISINFECT SURFACES

Frequently clean commonly touched surfaces (sports equipment, doorknobs, keys, cell phone, keyboards) with antiseptic cleaner.

STAY AT HOME IF YOU ARE SICK AND CALL YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER FOR FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS.

*subject to change based on new information from local and national health authorities

SOURCE: CDC (CDC.GOV)





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How To: USE A MASK



Before putting on a mask, clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.



Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.



Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp and do not re-use single-use masks.



To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.









Did you know? Health Promotion focuses on healthy living and healthy lifestyle choices. We can't wait to see our athletes again!

Activity Color in each activity when you complete it!	Weight I am this tall: I weigh this much: You can check your BMI using Google. A healthy BMI is 18.5 - 25 Try tracking your weight for 4 weeks! Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4
Food Labels Find two food labels to compare and fill in the blanks.	Fruits Color in the fruit each time you eat 2 servings of fruit in one day!
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Did you know? Special Olympics Healthy Hearing increases access to hearing care for SO athletes.

Tips to Safely Clean Ears



My hearing was: (select one) Good



Why is Ear Health Important?

Ear health is part of our overall health.

Good hearing can help you:

- Hear cars and bikes while outside
- Hear conversations with friends and family
- Hear your doctor and health care providers



Ear Protection

Protect your ears in loud environments by using:







How to wear earplugs:

Roll the foam earplug down to a tight cylinder

Gently pull the outer ear up and back

Insert the earplug fully into the canal and hold for 30-60 seconds

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Do You Need a Hearing Check?		when	
Work with your family, staff or caretaker if you need assistance completing this section.	complete. Select One:		
It is hard for me to hear what people are saying.	Yes	No	
It is hard for me to understand people on the phone.	Yes	No	
Noises sound muffled or too quiet.	Yes	No	
I have ringing in my ears	Yes	No	

If you answered 'yes' to one or more questions, ask your doctor, family, caretaker or staff if you need your hearing checked.

Special Olympics **Strong Minds**



Did you know: Special Olympics Strong Minds can help athletes build adaptive coping skills? We can't wait to see our athletes again!





If you or a teammate is experiencing racism, report it to your coach, or directly to staff using the SO Athlete Hotline (206) 681-9378











Did you know? FUNfitness provides physical therapy screenings to Special Olympics athletes. We can't wait to see our athletes again!



Day 4: _____





Are My Shoes The Right Size?

Did you know foot size can change with time?

Make sure you are wearing the right size by asking these questions:

	Select (Select One:	
Are my shoes pinching my toes?	Yes	No	
Do I get blisters after I walk/run in my shoes?	Yes	No	
Do my shoes slip off at the heel?	Yes	No	
Do my shoes feel too tight?	Yes	No	

if you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may need a different size of shoes.



Did you know? Fit Feet provides foot and ankle screenings to Special Olympics athletes.

How to Cut Your Nails

Work with a family member or caretaker on this activity.



Get your toe nail clippers.



Make sure they are clean and dry.

Use different clippers than the ones you use for your fingers.



Make sure your feet are clean and completely dry.





Cut toenails straight across. Do not cut nails at an angle.



Make sure all your nail cuts make it into the trash. Cut toenails every 6-8 weeks



Toenails

Work with a family member or caretaker on this activity.

Color in a foot every time you cut your toenails this summer! Trim nails straight across.

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Did you know? Special Smiles provides free dental screenings and guidance on proper brushing and flossing to athletes.















