

# MINDFULNESS & MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT

### BENEFITS OF MINDFULNESS

- Stress reduction
- Reduced rumination
- Decreased negative affect (e.g. depression, anxiety)
- Less emotional reactivity/more effective emotion regulation
- Increased focus
- More cognitive flexibility
- Improved working memory
   For more information, visit
   our evidence page

## MEDITATION PRACTICES

- 3-Step Breathing Space a short practice to try out when you are feeling stressed or anxious
- 2. <u>Loving-kindness Practice</u> to cultivate a sense of support and care for ourselves and others around you.
- 3. Download our <u>Practice Support</u>
  <u>App</u> which features all of our
  meditations from our personal
  programs

#### **PRACTICE TIPS**

- 1. Breathe naturally, simply allow things to unfold naturally, noticing the rising and falling sensation it creates in the body
- 2. Get comfortable with discomfort.

  People who are new or well
  experienced to meditation often
  experience negative emotions such
  as anxiety, and restlessness
- 3. Carry the mindfulness you developed during your practice throughout your day

#### HELPFUL RESOURCES

- Our <u>Personal Program Calendar</u> for our upcoming 8-week programs and <u>Professional Development</u> <u>Program Calendar</u> for our upcoming mindfulness training programs
- Covid-19 Pandemic Toolkit, a list of mental health resources to assist you during this challenging time