Unit//Level: COVID-19 - SYMPTOMS

Objective

Ps will practice vocabulary COVID-19 Symptoms
Ps will be able to explain what to do if they have COVID-19 symptoms

Materials

NOTE to FACILITATOR: Depending on level of Ps, this lesson may take more than 1 session to complete.

- FACILITATOR GUIDE Has samples Govt of Canada resources available in more than 20 languages
- Prior Knowledge:
 - o Ps should complete units on Handwashing, Stay Home and Physical Distance
- FLASHCARDS COVID-19 Symptoms
- FLASHCARDS How to self-isolate
- HANDOUT: COVID-19 Symptoms PICTURE DICTIONARY
- HANDOUT: How to self-isolate

Step 1 Warm Up (10 minutes)

Introduce the topic of COVID-19 Symptoms

- Show "Symptoms" on the whiteboard ask if they know this term.
- Explain symptom is something that indicates they may be sick.

ASK: What are symptoms for a cold (sneezing, sore throat etc.) what are the symptoms for the flu? (headache, fever)

- COVID-19 is a virus that is like the flu but MUCH more serious
- COVID-19 is very contagious, meaning it's very easy to catch the disease
- It is particularly dangerous for seniors
- Put any new words on the board that relate to the topic you are covering today, like:
 Contagious, chronic, shortness of breath, gasping, urgent, self-isolate
- Tell Ps they are going to learn about the symptoms of COVID-19

Step 2 Work out (40 minutes)

USE FLASHCARDS - What are the symptoms of COVID-19? It could be any combination of these mild symptoms:

- fever - sore throat - dry cough - headache

- shortness of breath - sudden loss of taste or smell

muscle aches - chills

What should you do if you have any of these symptoms?

- Call your doctor or public health and tell them about your symptoms
- Do not GO to your doctor or the hospital without calling first
- Self-isolate at home, do not go out for any reason
- The doctor will tell you to keep an eye on your symptoms in case they become **urgent**
- There is no medicine you can take to 'cure' COVID-19.
- It takes about 5-14 days for you to 'get over' the mild form of the disease
- You MUST SELF-ISOLATE



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How to Self-Isolate

- Do not go outside your home for any reason while you have COVID-19 (unless your doctor tells you to go to the hospital)
- If possible, stay in your own room and, if possible use a separate bathroom
- Wear a mask at all times
- Use your own eating utensils and don't let anyone else touch them
- If you do have a room that you can stay in, make sure you can keep the windows open so there is always fresh air
- Practice the skills learned in Units on Stay Home and Physical Distance

NB: There are two symptoms that are considered URGENT

- pain or pressure in your chest, like there's a heavy weight on your chest
- gasping for air

What should you do if you have any of these URGENT symptoms?

- Call your doctor,
- Your doctor will likely tell you to call 911
- If you do not have a doctor, call 911 and tell them you may have COVID-19
- The doctor or 911 will probably say you have to go to the hospital, but stay home until you are told what to do.

PAIR WORK: Have them spend 5 minutes talking about how they could self-isolate in their own home if one of them develops the symptoms of COVID-19

Go around the room and have them describe what they would do

Step 3 Cool Down (10 minutes)

Check their progress: Review what they have learned by asking various questions about COVID-19

- What are the symptoms of COVID-19
- What should you do if you think you have the symptoms
- How should you self-isolate
- What symptoms are URGENT
- What should you do if you have URGENT symptoms?