

#### Alone at Work: Isolation Risks When Telecommuting

### Loneliness Is a Health Crisis







# CAUTION DEPRESSION AHEAD

# The research is telling us that...

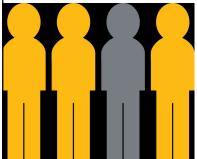
- Depression, Anxiety
- · Poor sleep quality
- Impaired executive functioning
- Accelerated cognitive decline
- Poor cardiovascular health
- Impaired immunity in all stages of life

# Psychoneuroimmunology Social Safety Theory Perception of threats include: • Social conflict • Isolation • Devaluation • Rejection • Exclusion

# **Isolation vs Loneliness**



#### Loneliness: a problem before the pandemic



Over 25% of population live alone (2010 Census data) Feeling of loneliness is on the rise

Reactive vs Chronic

- Reactive during big life transitions such as death, divorce or move
- divorce or move
  Chronic most likely to set
  in when individuals either
  don't have the emotional,
  mental or financial
  resources to get out and
  satisfy their social needs
  or they lack a social circle
  that can provide these
  benefits

Physical Vulnerability
Attachment Theory
Brain Development

Support Needs Start Early

What we see in mental health settings

Autism

Anxiety

**Aggression** 





#### **How Technology Can Help**

Facebook groups

**Netflix** party

Houseparty

Pub trivia (Zoom break outs)

Nextdoor

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#### Rubber. Meet road.

- Communicate through visual means
- Communicate often
- Designated work space
- Dress the part
- Family plan



## Still more tips...



- Self-motivation
- · Set Work Hours
- Exercise
- Meditation
- · Sleep
- Change Your
  Thinking





### The Role of Leadership

- Constant communication / Connectivity
- Positive reinforcement / Inclusion
- · Clear expectations
- Trust (until you have a reason not to)
- Convenience / Speed increases risk
- · Model good behavior



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