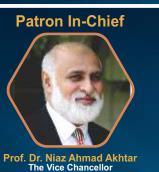
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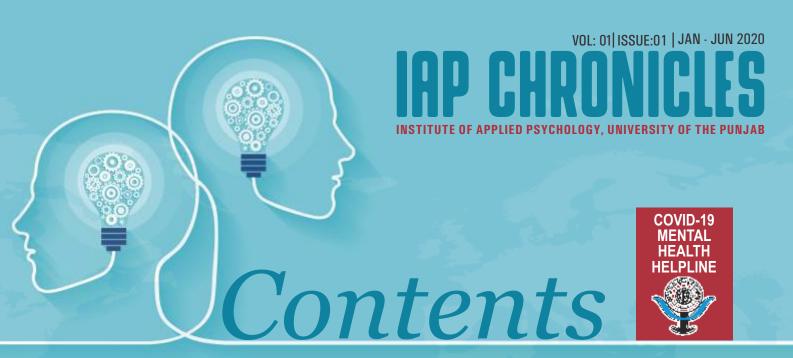






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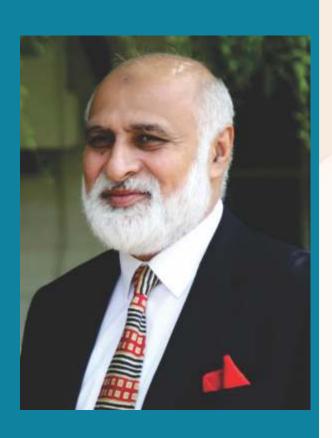
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Public Service Message by the Vice Chancellor University of the Punjab

enerosity and hard work with unconditional zeal is something that I observed in students, teachers, and alumni professionals who are rendering their volunteer services for the Covid-19 Mental Health Helpline of the Institute of Applied Psychology. I must appreciate the timely efforts of the faculty of Applied Psychology for not only setting up the Tele-Mental Health Helpline but also providing training to all the volunteers.

The dedication that they manifested was inspirational and the way they have rendered selfless services really makes me acknowledge their professionalism and dedication to the field of psychology.

This is only through timely, prudential utilization of technology that the mental health team of the Institute of Applied Psychology under the mentorship of Dr. Rafia Rafique and colleagues rendered unconditional efforts in supporting the mental health of the community. I pray that Allah Almighty grant them more energy and spirit to continue this sublime work. This is viably crucial to building a culture in Pakistan based on profound foundations of care, empathy, and contribution.

These days, we are surviving in an increasingly multifaceted, intricate yet dynamic environment where human collaboration is inevitable for the sustainable development of the community at large. In many developing countries, socio-economic challenges have bred distrust and grown uncertainty resulting in an increase in mental health issues. In such pervasive situations, mental health promotion is indeed a sensitive and crucial duty of all psychologists. The faculty of the Institute of Applied Psychology has arranged numerous webinars and workshops for building up the skill set of the volunteers in collaboration with international universities that have definitely resulted in skills' enhancement and capacity building of the volunteers and students.

I wish them the best of luck in all their future pursuits for the welfare of the community and I extend my ultimate support, wishes, and prayers so that they can continue to play a pivotal role during Covid-19 pandemic.



Message Dean

Faculty of Life Sciences, University of the Punjab

Prof. Dr. Firdaus-e-Bareen

nstitute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab, Lahore took a lead to address the mental health needs of the public at large during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I extend faculty, students, and volunteers' my best wishes for all the efforts and support that they invested in uplifting the mission of serving humanity. The enthusiasm of the students and faculty is remarkably commendable. This selfless service towards the enhancement of the mental health of our community is inspirational for youth to work in collaboration for the establishment of a sustainable society.



related to Education, Mental Health, related issues. Industry, Corporate Sector and The major focus of these services was Government, we took up the initiative to help people recover and grow from to provide free of cost mental health the psychological impact of the services to the community at large. As Covid-19 pandemic. Our volunteers a director, I knew it was the utmost of the Covid-19 Mental Health duty of one of the leading Institutes of Helpline played a pivotal role in Psychology in Pakistan to come mental health telemedicine. IAP forward and provide psychological started the online training modules for relief. In April 2020, we launched the the students and volunteers of IAP to Covid-19 Mental Health Helpline to address the management of mental well cater the psychological needs of health concerns. These series of the masses arising due to the webinars and workshops further pandemic and lockdown. Those with helped in building the skills of the mental health concerns and comorbid volunteers and students. IAP

Before the inaugural of the Mental and organisations to better deal with Health Helpline, Clinical, and Health situation at hand. psychologists from all over the

health concerns.

ovid-19 Pandemic took over Pakistan joined hands at a virtual the entire world as a conference arranged by the IAP. The frightening and menacing purpose of the conference was to spell and in a matter of days so many design a protocol for volunteers of countries got affected, lost lives and Mental Health Helpline in the wake of livelihood. In no time, the world's Coronavirus. We were Alhamdulillah economy started to collapse. The fortunate that the mental health worst time of 21st century; medical, helpline was joined by faculty, psychological emergency was students, clinical and health witnessed on the daily basis. The psychologists from all over the Ministry of Health on 27th February, Pakistan. The objective of these 2020 reported the first two Covid-19 services was to help people overcome cases in Karachi. Keeping in mind issues related to corona anxiety, one of the founding aims of the IAP, stress, anxiety, depression, sleep that was to render psychological problems, the stress of online classes, services to the public in various fields anger, aggression, marital, and other

conditions, the elderly, and children developed international linkages and were expected to show greater mental arranged online series of webinars in collaboration with many universities











Messages from Faculty IAP University of the Punjab

Dr. Fatima Kamran Assistant Professor, IAP

adapt and cope with the new norms and pandemic. IAP has played a commendable altered lifestyles, and post-pandemic.

Therefore, mental health professionals are at 24/7 Mental Health Helpline, informative the forefront to guide and help people webinars, training workshops, and eexperiencing fear, uncertainty, and conferences. I salute our volunteers for their depression. Being Health Psychologists, we untiring efforts during this crisis and for need to work on the psychological aspects of serving the community at large.

he entire world is going through the health care issues, develop awareness to most difficult times of pandemic follow preventive behaviors because only Covid-19. It is not easy to accept, then we can and we will fight to defeat this role by being at the forefront and pioneers of a

Dr. Afsheen Masood Assistant Professor, IAP

from earliest times of befall of Covid-19 instabilities, and emotional disturbances.

am proud of the volunteer community Pandemic; thus bringing in sigh of relief for work in such pervasive grave conditions community at large. The unconditional that is put forward by our zealous students involvement of IAP students in this Teleand faculty. In spite of deficient resources, health helpline has been quite beneficial in IAP has maintained its pioneering status by rendering services to needy and deserving actively initiating its Tele-health helpline people with psychiatric conditions, mood

Dr. Afifa Anjum Assistant Professor, IAP, ad Hoc

programs, public service messages, and needs.

uring the Covid-19 pandemic, the professional support to the government, the role of IAP, under the leadership of faculty and students of IAP proved their the current Director Dr. Rafia dedication to the discipline of Psychology. Rafique has been remarkable in these testing. We are proud of IAP for being empathetic, times. Through online services, counseling active, and responsive towards community

Dr. Mujeeba Ashraf Assistant Professor, IAP, ad Hoc

Clinical Psychologists' Community to Pakistanicitizens.

AP is all the way envisioned to serve facilitate us in this very noble cause. For the humanity, and we have received support last five months, IAP has been providing from the University of Punjab and the mental health services free of cost to all











Reflections from Ex-Directors IAP

Prof. Dr. Najma Najam Professor. Emeritus, IAP

emerging psychological issues of Covid-19 community and the country. Best wishes for effectively. The effort in identifying experts the present and future of IAP, University of to address the wide range of queries is the Punjab, Lahore.

y Kudos to Institute of Applied commendable. IAP team, you have shown Psychology, University of the that the team IAP University of the Punjab Punjab which responded to has, as always, responded to the needs of the

Prof. Dr. Ruhi Khalid HOD Department of Psychology, Beaconhouse National University

n a world gripped by the fear of the It is heartening to see the valiant response of of anxiety, fearfulness, sleep problems, dedicated Mental Health team at IAP, through irritability, and feelings of hopelessness are innovative online activities, has provided widespread. Continuing uncertainty about good evidence-based information and waves of the pandemic, and the emotional recommendations to the public. Through impact of economic upheavals, social and effective teaching, they have been told what physical distancing policies continue to to do to reduce the negative impact of the negatively impact our mental health. This crisis and promote human wellbeing. I wish makes addressing the mental health needs of them well in all their endeavors, and hope, vulnerable groups in the community crucial. they continue with their good work.

Covid-19 virus, mental health is IAP, University of the Punjab, to the mental emerging as a key concern. Experiences health issues of the community. The

Dr. Seemen Alam Associate Professor, IAP, (R)

Lahore very proud of the entire work light to you, carry on the good work! the IAP, faculty is doing. Will get together

hank you, Institute of Applied once this pandemic is over. I am fully retired, Psychology, University of the Punjab, with no academic work! I have passed on the

Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Kausar Vice Chancellor, Government College for Women University, Sialkot.

of society in challenging times. The Covid-19 with mental issues and health challenges.

t gives me immense pleasure to see that Mental Health Helpline by IAP is no doubt a Institute of Applied Psychology great contribution by the faculty, students, continues to come up to the expectations alumni, and volunteers to help the public deal





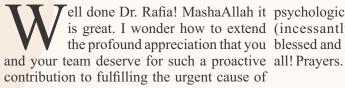
faculty, students, and volunteers under the organizers and contributors.

t gives me immense pleasure to see the leadership of Dr. Rafia Rafique. Institute of IAP contributing in times of the Applied Psychology has actively contributed pandemic. The Mental Health Helpline to national disaster management during this by IAP is no doubt a huge contribution by the pandemic. Best wishes ahead to the



Reflections from Senior Psychologists





ell done Dr. Rafia! MashaAllah it psychological services on so many platforms is great. I wonder how to extend (incessantly and simultaneously). Stay the profound appreciation that you blessed and go ahead. May Allah be with you



Prof. Dr Uzma Ali Director, ICP, University of Karachi

provide psycho-social support services to the volunteers with relevant skills and knowledge community and to help them cope up with helping them to efficiently and effectively adversities of the pandemic. In this regard, fulfill their volunteer roles. Moreover, IAP Dr.Rafia Rafique along with her faculty also started an awareness program regarding members, students, volunteers and national prevention from Covid-19; especially their and international Mental Health Experts have initiative of 'Use of Mask' is highly taken an initiative to launch a "Covid-19 commendable, I would like to thank IAP for Mental Health Helpline" to provide psycho- approaching the Institute of Clinical social support services during this pandemic Psychology, The University of Karachi to situation. I must appreciate her efforts to take part in this noble cause.

urrently, Telehealth technology is the gather a group of qualified psychologists and only available option for mental professionals at one platform, providing health professionals globally to professional training opportunities to equip



Dr. Naumana Amjad Associate Professor, IAP, (R)

citizens. The initiative was taken very timely professionals joined these initiatives. webinars were rapidly and efficiently planned national and international level. Well done to deliver. Online counseling sessions were and best wishes for the future.

n a global and national time of difficulty, I set up. It is indeed a matter of pride for me to have seen the IAP rise to the challenges of see the team at Institute of Applied meeting the mental health needs of Psychology, and an extended network of to disseminate knowledge, and counseling Leadership is being witnessed both at the



Dr. Iram Zehra Bokharey Chief Clinical Psychologist, Mayo Hospital, Lahore

a lot of stress, anxiety, and depressive literal meaning of the term. I congratulate Dr. symptoms. The bombardment of information Rafia Rafique and her team for this very from unauthentic sources i.e. the infodemic, important and much-needed initiative. Applied Psychology, University of the best wishes for this noble endeavor! Punjab, Lahore, took the lead to reach out to

n view of the challenging situation that the masses by establishing a Mental Health we are faced with on account of the Helpline service. They trained the volunteers .Covid19 pandemic, people are exposed to who were "just a phone call away" in the most

further complicates the already difficult. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a situation. In order to help the general public single step and I believe the Institute of cope with this situation, the Institute of Applied Psychology, has taken this step. My



Dr. Tanveer Nasar Principal Clinical Psychologist, Health Department, Govt of the Punjab, (R)

was reported in March 2020. In this time of issues, for learning and growth of students all, uncertainty Dr. Rafia Rafique took a great step to further polish the skills of the to initiate Mental Health services for the professionals. I strongly appreciate the efforts community, from the platform of IAP. A free Dr. Rafia Rafique put forward for this cause. helpline was started to provide counseling She worked with full zeal, motivation and and other Mental Health services along with showed great enthusiasm for all this. Big telemedicine in collaboration with the applause for Dr. Rafia Rafique, faculty of University of Health Sciences. Along with IAP and her entire team.

he entire world was under attack of this, she also arranged lectures, webinars, and Covid-19, its first case was reported in workshops, conducted by international December 2019, while in Pakistan it experts, in fields related to mental health



Dr. Sobia Aftab Associate Professor, ICP, University of Karachi

respond to the mental health needs of the dedication. general community. Her distinguished

here are increasingly reported cases of contributions of starting up this service and to depression, anxiety, and trauma-and gather volunteer clinical psychologists and stress-related disorders in the general mental health professionals at one platform community, sufferers of Covid-19 and their for a noble cause of human service during this families and friends. The confinement at pandemic are highly commendable. Her homes led to increased experiences of continuous efforts of organizing webinars, domestic violence and abuse. In this regard, lectures, training workshops and sessions of Dr. Rafia Rafique, Director Institute of renowned national and international mental Applied Psychology, University of the health professionals for her team of Punjab, Lahore along with her colleagues volunteers to ensure the provision of quality have taken the initiative of setting up and standard mental health and psychosocial volunteer "Tele Mental Health Service" to support services are reflective of her



Dr. Ali Imran

Director, Tele Global Health Center; Former HOD, Assistant Professor Community Medicine and Public Health UMDC JSMU

way to help people and Covid-19 pandemic webinars. Allah bless you all! Ameen.

have spoken in a webinar on healthy and lockdown. This makes anyone seek help lifestyle and Covid-19. Good Diet, from anywhere by technology and mobile to Exercise, Avoidance of Stress and cope with Psychological concerns. Fear and Tobacco Good sleep, Communication and panic in public, and anxiety and depressive counseling are the best ways to stay disorders are common in Covid-19 cases. I holistically healthy in mind body and soul. I am honored to do an interactive webinar on, am pleased to say that Mental Health Helpline Sunday 12 July 2020. I congratulate Director, is a great initiative by IAP. We all know Tele Dr. Rafia Rafique and all faculty, students, global public and mental health is the best and staff for this great work and academic



Dr.Irfan A. Mian

Department of Psychiatry, Division of Child and Youth Mental Health, University of Toronto

needed support to the national of experts in a variety of fields. community during the Covid-19 pandemic. I was very pleased to conduct a webinar These are uniquely difficult times with many session and be a small part of this important mental health and emotional challenges for us effort. The whole hearted commitment, all. The swift responses of the IAP have been organization, and dedication shown by all most commendable. IAP came together to those involved at the Institute of Applied quickly develop a volunteer Mental Health Psychology, University of the Punjab, Lahore Helpline, strengthened by a number of related has been most impressive.

he IAP has put great effort into the online training sessions for the volunteer development of important and much-students and faculty, presented by a number



Ms. Ghazala Imran

Counselling Psychologist & Speech Language Therapist at Prince Sultan University, Riyadh

and loneliness all over the world. Due to team of volunteer students created videos to uncertainty, fear, psychosocial stressors and give voice to the importance of social helplessness is growing among the general distancing and other protective measures. population; IAP inclusively stepped forward Helpline was established to provide online under the leadership of Dr. Rafia Rafique, the consultation to help the community overcome Director IAP, along with her team that anxiety, depression, panic attacks, and other comprised of her colleagues, students, and mental health issues due to isolation and alumni, to help community during this crucial lockdown.

he developing mental health issues time. In this regard, extensive training related to Covid-19 pandemic may programs and seminars were conducted, not breed ongoing mental health problems only by the local but also global experts. The



Wear Mask, Stay Safe







Messages from IAP Alumni

Prof. Dr. Syeda Shahida Batool GC University, Lahore

impact of this pandemic. I really appreciate toughtime.

uring the Covid-19 crisis, the the dynamic leadership of Dr. Rafia Rafique, Institute of Applied Psychology, the contribution of competent faculty of IAP University of the Punjab, has played and motivation of students who are a pivotal role to combat the psychological voluntarily serving the nation during this



Dr. Amina Muazzam Associate Professor of Psychology (Tenured)

Lahore College for Women University (LCWU)

n the wake of the current pandemic, Consultation, they briefed about Corona and

where the general community is going precautions, Counseling quarantine patients Lathrough psychological pressure and and caregivers, dealing with stress, anxiety, imbalance, IAP, University of the Punjab and depression, addressing psychosocial under the supervision of Dr. Rafia Rafique aspects of Corona, bereavement counseling has not only launched online mental health to families, and health tips to boost immunity. services but conducted very useful webinars Voice of America also covered their mental and online training workshops for counselors health services. These exceptional efforts by and the general community. In Corona her are commendable and appreciable.



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Messages from Mental Health Helpline Volunteers

Sadia Mustafa

S.S.E.T Clinical Psychologist, Govt. Special Training Institution for Mentally Challenged Children Lahore

want to pay a special salute to the and offers its applaudable services to the courageous and philanthropist Director suffering souls. I am also grateful to the IAP of IAP and her dedicated team to serve for the provision of such a commendable humanity during this pandemic. IAP serves platform.

Amna Bashir Clinical Psychologist Special Education Department, Lahore

during this pandemic and outshine.

AP under the vibrant and dynamic I must admit that all credit goes to Dr. Rafia leadership of the Director, shines and Rafique who provided a platform to faculty stands out. I want to say that Institute of and volunteers, to show the best in terms of Applied Psychology, University of the psychological services. I want to congratulate Punjab, Lahore, tirelessly serves the masses the whole team and the persistent efforts of their leader.

Nida Zafar Ph.D Scholar Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab

University of the Punjab, Lahore has played to pay back to my institute and community.

would like to appreciate the efforts of the an integral part by establishing a free Covid-IAP for their substantial role in the 19 helpline and bringing psychologists as ___outbreak of Covid-19. The current front liners to help those in need. As a Ph.D. situation of Covid-19 and the effect it is student of IAP, I am proud to be a part of the having on our lives can cause mental health IAP volunteer Covid-19 helpline and must crises. Institute of Applied Psychology, thank IAP for providing me this opportunity

Zainab Javed Ph.D Scholar Practicing Clinical Psychologist, University of the Punjab

much-needed response. This department it. Renowned scholars had been invited to under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Rafia psycho educate on the anxiety and depression Rafique, has worked tirelessly to bring issues and general acceptance of the deadly awareness regarding the pandemic we are virus among us. facing globally. We have successfully

n these extremely uncertain and testing arranged quite a few webinar and lectures times, our Institute of Applied regarding the novel Covid-19 and how to deal Psychology has come forward with a with all psychological issues stemming from











Usman Ahmad Zaheer Ph.D Scholar, IAP, University of the Punjab

t's enormously gratifying to me, to be an to be a part of such an important and active member of this Covid-19 Mental successful nationwide initiative by Dr. Rafia Health Helpline by IAP. I feel very proud Rafique, Director IAP and her colleagues.

Igra Nazar Visiting Lecturer, IAP, University of the Punjab

leading us in all helpline tasks. I am proud of serving humanity.

n these difficult times, Institute of being a part of this noble helpline. This Applied Psychology, University of the helpline has been facilitating the public since Punjab, Lahore has been active to deal the first day and will continue to do so. It has with the mental health issues during the also helped us in polishing our professional pandemic days. Dr.Rafia Rafique has been skills and inspired us to utilize our efforts in

Mussirah Aftab MS Health Psychology / Trainee, IAP, University of the Punjab

qualified professionals from all over the Applied Psychology.

y experience at IAP during this world provided us huge knowledge. I pandemic was very prolific. I personally work for the Mental Health highly appreciate the efforts of our Helpline established by Institute of Applied worthy Director, Dr.Rafia Rafique for taking Psychology, which is the best platform to such a needed initiative. A series of webinars serve humanity in this pandemic situation. I and E-workshops presented by highly feel proud for being a part of Institute of

Usama Ahmad Khan MS Health Psychology / Trainee, IAP, University of the Punjab

structures in the entire world.

Institute of Applied Psychology, University of being part of this initiative and I look of the Punjab, Lahore, recognized this serious forward to serving to the best of my abilities. threat and stepped up to help society. Under It's time to pay back my dear Covid warriors. the dynamic leadership of Dr.Rafia Rafique,

n the beginning of the Covid-19, the Covid-19 Mental Health Helpline' was whole world got into a panic state, we saw established and is active round the clock to the world focusing on the physical health help and facilitate society in the best possible way. I being a volunteer, am immensely proud

Zunera Tariq MS Health Psychology / Trainee, IAP, University of the Punjab

Helpline was a great learning experience. The pandemic.

ovid-19 is a global crisis no one was training workshops and webinars helped us in prepared for; lockdown and acquiring the relevant skills while the uncertainty of health and situation continuous guidance and support of our worsened the pandemic-induced anxiety and worthy mentors helped in fulfilling our depression. In such a stressful situation, Dr. volunteer roles efficiently. I would always Rafia Rafique, Director IAP, came up with a remain thankful to IAP for providing me the commendable initiative of "Mental Health opportunity to play my little bit in aiding Helpline". Being a volunteer at the Tele people in their mental health struggles during



Background of Covid-19 Mental Health Helpline

he first case of the novel Coronavirus appeared in Pakistan in February 2020 but it was March when the situation started aggravating with cases being reported from different corners of the country. Moreover, with WHO declaring it a pandemic, it was high time, Pakistan took some action to curtail the spread of the virus. Following the footsteps of China, Italy, and few other countries (with the rise in cases), a partial lockdown was imposed across Pakistan in the mid of March. Although it wasn't a curfew in its entirety, with basic life amenities, like food and groceries still available to people, all other major life activities discontinued across the country. As we know, if someone is forcefully restricted in an area, he/she will try to escape, that's a natural human instinct. The same happened in lockdown, people wanted to roam around freely but there was a lockdown, which was more like detention and they would have to follow the SOPs; all this was new, and difficult for the entire world; and the poor economic condition, lack of health and education facilities made it even more difficult for Pakistan. Physical health was the focus of all the health care institutions to combat this new pandemic situation. All necessary steps were taken to ensure that people recover from this situation and to prevent further spread of this situation, however, the most important factor was ignored i.e. the mental health of the people. Unprecedented Covid-19 situations, with novel SOPs and health care demands, started to have a toll on

the wellbeing of the people.

Mental health has never been our focus in the past, and it was ignored amidst pandemic. The fact remains that mental health is the most important domain to be taken care of. During crucial time, when every health care institution focused on physical health, IAP rose to the occasion under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Rafia Rafique to play its part. Institute of Applied Psychology, while continuing its legacy, remained efficient in pandemic and actively spread awareness among the society about the novel situation, helped people in difficult times, dealt with their mental health issues, and helped them in coping with the distressing Covid-19. The Mental Health Helpline was started by the Institute of Applied Psychology when Pakistan was put into the partial lockdown situation. People were

The sole purpose of the Mental Health Helpline was to help people deal with anxiety, stress, depression, or any other mental health issue due to the novel Coronavirus or the lockdown situation it had put everyone in.

anxious due to the uncertainty of the future Covid-19 caused; Institute of Applied Psychology stepped forward and helped them deal with this pandemic and related mental issues it was causing, by offering one of its kind tele-mental health helpline, service.

In this helpline, we have volunteers from all over the Pakistan who wanted to play their part in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic. These include psychologists, psychiatrists, neurologists, nutritionists, top mental health professionals, professors of psychology, Ph.D. scholars, and of course the students of IAP. Though we focused to deal with the mental health issues related to Covid-19, the professional volunteers made sure not to leave any psychological issues unaddressed and handled them with care and efficiency. Volunteers were allotted different time slots to make sure that mental health service is available seven days a week. Volunteers worked with empathy and dedication to facilitate the people in their Covid-19 related struggles. All records of the calls and clients' histories were maintained and kept confidential in order to ensure the quality of the services; volunteers were instructed to report each and every call to the coordinators. Research platform was initiated to keep an eye on indigenous psychological and social issues.



IAP Training Series for Volunteers of **Mental Health Helpline**

he training of the volunteers holds great significance for providing knowledge and skills so they can deal effectively with the mental health issues of the clients through online modalities. For this, virtual training sessions and webinars were conducted where worthy teachers, foreign experts, and professionals trained the Psychologist-volunteers on how to effectively manage stress, anxiety, and depression. Professionals

shared their valuable knowledge with volunteers. Volunteers participated actively during these training workshops which made these online sessions useful and knowledgeable.



First Virtual Training Workshop "Stress and Anxiety Management during Pandemic"

of Covid-19 Mental Health Helpline. The relaxation exercises for stress and anxiety.

r. Fatima Kamran Assistant workshop highlighted the sudden surge in Professor. Senior Clinical anxiety and stress among people due to Psychologist, IAP PU conducted a pandemic and lockdown and concluded on virtual training workshop on Monday 6th the note that there's a dire need to address April 2020 on Stress and Anxiety mental health issues in lockdown. Dr. Fatima Management during Pandemic for volunteers highlighted the role of deep breathing and



Second Virtual Training Session "Mind Reframing & Mindfulness to Manage Pandemic Induced Mind States & Psychological Distress: Holistic Approach Paradigm"

Friday 10th April 2020 on "Mind Reframing this transient pandemic condition.

nstitute of Applied Psychology, and Mindfulness to Manage Pandemic University of Punjab, Lahore conducted a Induced Mind States and Psychological second session in the sequel to virtual Distress: Holistic Approach Paradigm". She training sessions for volunteers of Covid-19 emphasized the emergent need to adopt a Mental Health Helpline. Dr. Afsheen Masood multidimensional and multifaceted holistic Assistant Professor and Senior Psychologist approach of managing mind states and conducted an online training session on curbing psychological distress in the wake of



Third Virtual Training Session "Managing Anxiety During Covid-19"

Psychology, University of the Punjab, Lahore simultaneously adding to the existing stress conducted a third virtual training session on and anxiety. Therefore, she suggested that Saturday 11th April 2020, on "Managing clients should be treated according to their Anxiety During Covid-19" for volunteers of symptoms of anxiety through brief Mental Health Helpline. She stressed that it is psychotherapy approaches. quite natural to experience anxiety in this

r. Mujeeba Ashraf, Clinical time of Covid-19 pandemic, as the situation is Psychologist and Assistant ambiguous, novel, and unpredictable. Professor, Institute of Applied Moreover, managing life in lockdown is



Fourth Virtual Training Session "Working Effectively from Home"

r. Saima Ghazal, Assistant challenges that people face while working Punjab, Lahore, conducted the fourth sustainability. virtual training session on Tuesday 14th Through her expert knowledge, she workshop, she discussed the key Helpline.

Professor, Institute of Applied from home, across three dimensions Psychology, University of the namely effectiveness, motivation, and

April 2020, on "Working Effectively from equipped the volunteers/participants with Home" During Covid-19 for volunteers of techniques that they can use while helping "Mental Health Helpline". During the the callers of Covid-19 Mental Health



IAP VIRTUAL CONFERENCE



Designing Protocol for Volunteers of COVID-19 Mental Health Helpline in Wake of Coronavirus

Applied Psychology, University of the psychologists. Punjab, Lahore. Speakers of the conference

he virtual conference entitled showed concern regarding the growing "Designing protocol for volunteers mental health issues and enlightened the of Covid-19 Mental Health helpline conference participants with their expert in wake of Coronavirus" was arranged by opinion. They gave guidelines regarding the Institute of Applied Psychology, how to objectively address issues such as University of the Punjab, Lahore. It was anxiety, depression, educational concerns, chaired by the Dean, Faculty of Life etc. Professor Dr. Najma Najam, Dr. Sciences, Professor Dr. Firdous-e-Bareen. Naumana Amjad, Dr. Fatima Kamran, Dr. Dr Rafia Rafique, Director Institute of Afsheen Masood, Dr. Saima Ghazal, Dr. Applied Psychology, University of the Mujeeba Ashraf, Dr. Afifa Anjum and Ms. Punjab, Lahore, welcomed psychologists Tahira Mubashir highlighted different from all over Pakistan. Conference psychological issues associated with the speakers, Dr. Mohsina Najeeb, Dr. Tanveer current pandemic. It was emphasized that Nasar, Prof. Dr. Uzma Ali, Dr. Irum Zehra individuals with prior mental and physical Bokharey, Ms. Lubna Azhar and Dr. Saima health issues are more likely to get affected Dawood gave important deliberations due to lockdown and physical distancing. regarding designing a need-based criterion. The role of spirituality, religious coping, and guidelines for volunteers of Covid-19 and gratitude was emphasized. The Mental Health Helpline of Institute of conference was attended by more than 60



Webinars and **Training Sessions**









Finding True Lasting Happiness Amid Difficulties

Health Helpline initiated by the Institute of stress and anxiety during pandemic.

r. Naumana Amjad (Retd) Associate Applied Psychology. She highlighted the Professor, Institute of Applied different ways to acquire true and lasting Psychology, PU, conducted the happiness amid difficulties. During the virtual training session on Friday, April 17th session, she emphasized the fact that 2020 for volunteers of Covid-19 Mental happiness can play a major role in reducing

Parenting Tips in Current Scenario of Lockdown

Mustafa SSET of Special Education major role in reducing stress, anger issues, Department, conducted the seventh virtual and anxiety of their kids during pandemic. training session on Monday 20th April 2020 They stressed that parents should involve for volunteers of Covid-19 Mental Health their kids in productive indoor activities.

s. Amna Bashir, Clinical Helpline initiated by the Institute of Applied Psychologist at Special Education Psychology, University of the Punjab. They Department and Ms. Saadia highlighted the fact that parents can play a

Dealing with Grief and Loss during Covid-19 Pandemic

r. Sobia Aftab, Associate Professor related to grief, and stages of grief. She at Institute of Clinical Psychology, guided on emotional support strategies and University of Karachi, conducted adaptive ways of coping to deal with and the eighth virtual training session entitled manage grief related to the death of a loved "Dealing with Grief and Loss-During Covid- one due to Coronavirus. The focus of her 19 Pandemic" on Thursday, 23rd April 2020, workshop was on teaching volunteers to help for volunteers of Covid-19 Mental Health, their clients deal with the grief and loss they She discussed different grief reactions, myths are experiencing after the death of loved ones.

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Healthy Lifestyle in Prevention and Management of Covid-19

Management of Covid-19" was importance of a healthy lifestyle; arranged for the faculty, students he was of the opinion that a shift and Mental Health Helpline towards a healthy lifestyle has volunteers to get an understanding become pertinent to address the of the changing lifestyle dynamics physical and mental health in wake of the pandemic. Dr. Ali concerns that are likely to arise Imran, MBBS, MD, MPH, Postdoc during post-Covid period in Research Fellowship Emergency Pakistan. Take home message was Medicine Global Public, Health, that Telehealth/Tele Psychology Director, TeleGlobal Health Center has become the need of the hour for was the resource person. Dr. Ali online learning, teaching, and discussed at length how to keep counseling of clients with medical one's self safe from Coronavirus, and psychological needs.

e bin ar entitled He talked about the role of quality "Healthy Lifestyle in sleep and sleep hygiene during Prevention and pandemic. Dr. Ali highlighted the

Empathizing and Supporting Elderly During Covid-19

Supporting elderly during Covid- elderly population. 19" on 24th June, 2020.

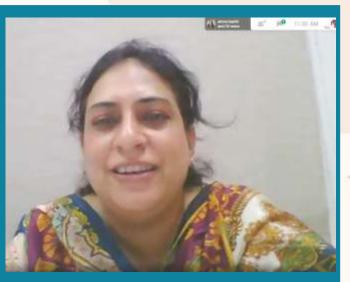
The webinar was presented by Ms. discussed the physical and mental Ghazala Imran, an Educationist at challenges in late adulthood and Prince Sultan University of highlighted the biopsychosocial Riyadh, Fellow Higher Education factors that contribute to Academy UK.

Embassy Welfare Clinic Riyadh as to empathize and support the a Counseling Psychologist.

was to bring awareness about the their experiences. concept of empathy and how to

AP University of the Punjab, develop it in our community to Lahore organized a webinar bring compassion towards each entitled "Empathizing and other and specifically towards the

The resource person further successful aging. Attendees took She is a member of the Pakistan great interest in learning strategies elderly at this crucial period of The key objective of this webinar Covid-19 pandemic and shared IAP CHRONICLES VOL: 01 | ISSUE:01 | JAN - JUN 2020









Physical Distancing the **Real Meaning**

meaning' on 12th June, 2020.

Psychologist at Punjab Institute of despite being physically apart, we current social distancing is stressfultimes of pandemic.

nstitute of Applied Psychology basically physical distancing as we organized a webinar entitled all are socially connected through Physical distancing – the real different mediums and are just physically apart.

Miss Mirat Gul, Senior Clinical Take home message was that Cardiology and the Vice President must be emotionally available to of PACT was the resource person. people around us, only then we can Miss Mirat highlighted how the successfully pass through the

Covid-19: **How to Manage Stress & Anxiety with the help of Rational Emotive Cognitive Behavior Therapy**

Helpline volunteers, attended an understand the dynamics of Instagram Live Session organized pandemic and learn how to manage under Rational Living Inc by Saima stress and anxiety of callers of Salman.

Windy Dryden" who is a world- Therapy. renowned Cognitive Behavioral

irector, faculty, and Therapy expert. For students and students of IAP, along Mental Health Helpline volunteers, with Mental Health it was a great opportunity to helpline with the help of Rational The resource person was "Dr. Emotive Cognitive Behavior

REBT and Coping with the Covid-19 Pandemic

that it's not the situation that those who choose it. creates negative emotions, in fact

ovid-19 Mental Health how people think and perceive the Helpline volunteers situation impacts their emotions. attended the registered She emphasized counting the session on "REBT and Coping blessings during the lockdown and with the Covid-19 Pandemic" by pandemic. Dr. Debbie Joffe Ellis Dr. Debbie Joffe Ellis, the globally highlighted that REBT is a holistic renowned therapist. She focused approach and a way of life for



IAP COLLABORATIVE VIRTUAL TRAINING SESSIONS

Our Mental Health in Times of Covid-19



Webinar in collaboration with Department. of Psychiatry, Michigan State University, USA was conducted entitled "Our Mental Health in Times of Covid-19" by Dr. Farha Abbasi, Assistant Professor Department of Psychiatry, Michigan State University, USA. Dr. Farha emphasized the mental health of front-line workers, especially psychiatrists and psychologists. She trained the volunteers of Institute of Applied Psychology, on how to maintain work-life balance and talked about the negative psychological effects of excessive social media usage. She discussed gratitude and religious coping techniques as being most effective during uncontrollable stressors especially when the timeline is not known.

66 Helpline Tips to Deal with Covid-19 Stress: A Psychological Guide



training session with International Speakers was arrangd by Dr. Fatima Kamran, Senior Clinical Psychologist and Assistant Professor, Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab, Lahore on Wednesday 15th April 2020, on "Helpline Tips to Deal with Covid -19 Stress: A Psychological Guide" for volunteers of Covid -19 Mental Health Helpline. She guided volunteers about how to manage feelings of stress, anxiety, or distress associated with Covid -19, and helpful resources and support. International speakers, Mr. Ahmad Mursaleen, Vice President, Deutsche Bank, London, UK, Dr. Fatima Ahmad, Medical Specialist, Geneva, Switzerland and Ms.Naureen Arif, Educationist, London, UK also shared their expert opinions on subject matter and guided volunteers on how to deal with stress during Covid -19. The experts highlighted some encouraging and motivating facts about Pakistan's role in management of Covid-19 pandemic.

IAP Collaboration with UHS



nstitute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab, Lahore facilitated the Governor's Telemedicine Center at University of Health Sciences Lahore by providing volunteer psychologists. A huge response by our psychology community to volunteer during these difficult times was much appreciated.

SolutionAdolescents

Psychosis in Children and Adolescents



AP, arranged a webinar on "Psychosis in Children and Adolescents". Dr. Irfan Mian, Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto (Canada), Department of Psychiatry, Division of Child and Youth Mental Health was the presenter. Dr. Mian is actively involved in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education as well as creative professional activities focused on education with physician groups, public/community education and interdisciplinary education. He discussed assessment and management strategies including the "Canadian Guidelines for the Pharmacological Treatment of Schizophrenia Spectrum and other Psychotic Disorders in Children and Youth". The session was moderated by Dr. Arshad Mehmood (Psy.D, RP, Director York Psychological Services, Canada). Covid-19 Mental Health Helpline volunteers of IAP, students, faculty, and international participants attended the webinar.

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Navigating Mental Health during Covid-19 Pandemic

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JV by Universities of Malaysia & USA



olunteers of Covid-19 mental health helpline, students, and faculty of the Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab, Lahore participated in a webinar on "Navigating Mental Health during Covid-19 Pandemic" on May 18th, 2020. The webinar was jointly arranged by The Association of Muslims in nurture and advocacy, University of Putra Malaysia and Department of Psychiatry Michigan State University. Dr. Siti Aishah stressed the importance of faith and spirituality during these unusual circumstances. Dr. Farah Abbasi talked about the ways to cope with an uncontrollable stressor and highlighted how uncertainty during times of pandemic has brought new challenges and new paths to progress.

Sustenance of the Soul



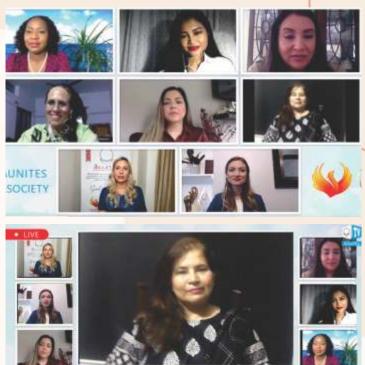
o keep up the spirit of Ramadan, faculty, students and volunteers of the Institute of Applied Psychology attended the webinar on "Sustenance of the Soul" by Prof. Malik Badri on May 23rd, 2020.

Dr. Badri is a Professor of Psychology at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Malaysia. He talked about human psychopathology as well as diagnoses of psychological ailments including stress, depression, fear, and anxiety, phobic and obsessive-compulsive disorders, together with their treatment through cognitive behavior therapy focusing on the Islamic dimension of the CBT.

He stressed the importance of a greater dimension i.e. to include the soul and the worship of God in the treatment of psychological disorders.



Second International Global Conference on Creative Society: A World without Violence



A WORLD WITHOUT

VIOLENCE

aculty, students, and volunteers of Covid-19 Mental Health Helpline of IAP, attended the second International Global Conference on Creative Society: A world without violence. This conference was conducted by ALLATRA International Public Movement to raise awareness about the fact that violence of any kind should not be accepted by society. Speakers from many countries participated, including Karina Bermer: Founder of Hispanic America Now, USA, Ruckey Penial Oluwajuwon: Writer, host hope now conferences, Switzerland, AgitaPasaribu: Founder and CEO of Bullied Great Britain, Dr. Farha Abbasi, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry at MSU, USA. Laurence Lecuyer: Ethnologist, Anthropologist and Professor at INAICD, France and Huma Kirmani: Published author and member of UN of Pakistan, Pakistan shared their views on how to reduce violence across the globe. Speakers emphasized the importance of human life, human freedom, human safety, transparency, and openness of information for all. They were of the opinion that creative ideology and development of personality play a major role in reducing violence.

"Say No To Bullying; Stand Up, Speak Up"





















Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab, organized a webinar entitled' Say No to Bullying; stand up, speak up' on 17th June 2020. The webinar was conducted by Dr. Fatima Kamran, Assistant Professor Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab, Lahore and included National &

International resource persons including Dr. Rafia Rafique, Director IAP, Ms. Cyma Salman, CEO Rational Living Institute Singapore and Ms. Naureen Mursaleen; educationist and counselor, London, UK. The online webinar aimed to develop awareness regarding Bullying by inviting school participants from Pakistan, UK,

Singapore, and Switzerland who shared their stories and experiences. The webinar was attended by a large audience who appreciated the idea of developing awareness. Take home message was "People who love themselves, don't hurt other people. The more we hate ourselves, the more we want others to suffer".

"Covid-19 Chronicles: A Women's Perspective"

















enter for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad, organized a webinar on "Covid-19 chronicles: A Women's Perspective" on 29th June 2020. The aim of the webinar was to analyze how Covid-19 is impacting women and allow the respective authorities to respond effectively to their vulnerabilities.

The session was commenced with the opening remarks by Ms. Mehreen Gul, Director CGSS, and among the speakers were Ms. Kaana Aidarkul (Chairperson, Kyrgyz Association of Women in the Security Sector), Dr. Rafia Rafique,

Director, IAP, Ms. Faiza Sheikh (Lawyer in the Jurisdiction of England and Wales), Ms. Kempir Bayeva Dilyara (First secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Pakistan), Ms. Nigar Javan shirzade (Project manager "Chamomile" Azerbaijani Diaspora Women's Network), Ms. Wang Qianting (Senior Correspondent, China Media Group, Beijing, China), Ms. Dilnoza Odilbekova (Association of Business Women Uzbekistan), and Ms. Ramma Shahid (Founder Beti, Media & Advocacy Expert, Pakistan). Speakers stressed the central role of

women in combating the pandemic and how it is important to recognize the immediate and long-term psychological needs of women.

They highlighted the contributions of female healthcare workers, doctors, nurses, and paramedics who are serving tirelessly at this crucial time. Moreover, they discussed the impact of Covid-19 on women in the business sector and how different organizations are extending legal support for women.

A large number of students and volunteers of IAP Mental Health Helpline participated in the webinar.









IAP Memorandum of Understanding and International Collaboration With World Leading University

An MoU of Institute of Applied Psychology,
University of the Punjab signed with Department of Psychiatry,
Michigan State University, USA



Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab, Lahore signed MoU with Michigan State University, USA. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) incorporated webinar collaborations with the speakers and learned professionals from this university. Volunteers were enlightened with the immense knowledge of great speakers from this foreign university and the volunteers learned a lot from the virtual sessions.

They were informative and interesting at the same time as they brought forward

the perspectives from different corners of the world. Sharing knowledge is always beneficial and useful and surely this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) remained highly beneficial for IAP students and volunteers of Mental Health Helpline.

IAP Collaboration with UHS



Collaboration with the University of Health Sciences' Telemedicine Service initiated by the Honorable Governor of Punjab, Ch. Muhammad Sarwar









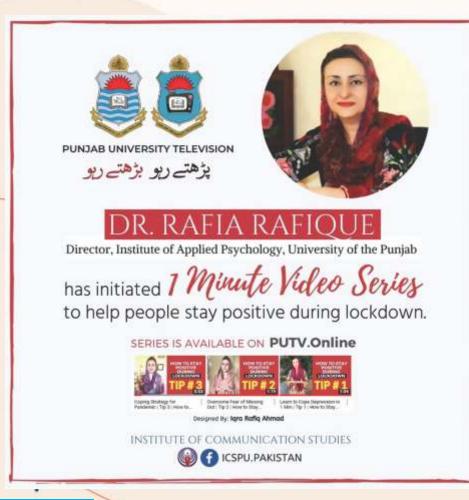
nstitute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab has collaborated with the University of Health Sciences' (UHS) telemedicine service initiated by the honorable Governor of Punjab, Ch. Mohammad Sarwar. Our volunteer psychologists are facilitating the UHS telemedicine helpline by actively participating and guiding people who were reporting mental health problems due to pandemic. In March, 2020, UHS established the tele-medicine Center for Corona virus (COVID-19) control and to help healthcare providers manage and mitigate the spread of deadly virus. The telemedicine Web portal and

Helpline was designed to aid people suffering from the Covid-19 and respond to their concerns related to novel coronavirus; doctors at the helpline provided 24/7 medical assistance to the callers. However, apart from the general concerns related to pandemic, most of the callers at the helpline reported psychological issues like anxiety, depression, sleep problems and obsessive compulsive disorder they were facing due to the unprecedented situation. To aid people manage their concerns and psychological problems, Institute of Applied Psychology stepped forward and rendered services of volunteer psychologists. Volunteers

from IAP offered regular assistance to the callers, listened to their concerns, and provided counseling to help them manage their psychological problems. In case of serious psychological issues, the callers were referred to senior volunteer psychologists for extended sessions. UHS administration lauded the volunteer services by IAP. IAP is the only mental health institute, which rendered services at the UHS telemedicine helpline keeping its tradition of taking the initiative and leading from the front. It was a great learning experience for the volunteers as well.



One Minute
Video Series
By Director, Institute
of Applied Psychology,
University of the Punjab.



ovid-19 followed by a countrywide lockdown was an unprecedented crisis no one was prepared for. Being housebound for an indefinite period with no social interactions is an anxietyinducing situation while to worsen it up is the looming fear of contracting the virus. In such stressful situations, having negative thoughts or getting depressed or anxious is normal; whereas to help people manage the stressful situation, Director Institute Applied Psychology Dr. Rafia Rafique, started a series of one-minute videos from the platform of University of the Punjab, instantly after the lockdown. In this series, she regularly shared tips on how to stay positive and happy amongst all the negativity and stressful life situations.

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The tips were highly effective in keeping up the spirits of the students, professionals, frontline worker, housewives, parents, youth, children, and elderly followers whereas the short time duration (i-e one minute) instantly grabbed the viewers' interest while effectively delivering the message. Her enlightening series did not end and she keeps on sharing stressmanagement tips for specified populations like housewives, students, and according to specific occasions like Ramadan and Eid. In all of the videos, the take-home message for viewers is to "Think Positive, Be Optimistic, and Stay Happy!



















IAP LAUNCHED THE COVID FREE PAKISTAN CAMPAIGN

he latest edition of the IAP inventory is the launch of the 'Covid-free Pakistan' campaign. Covid-19 positive cases kept on increasing in Pakistan, but despite the surge, people are not following the SOP's the way this critical situation demands.

The reality is, that no government or lockdown alone can protect people from the pandemic, unless people themselves understand the situation and follow SOPs.

People need to take care of themselves and others by adhering to the SOPs because of the unique nature of the spread of this virus. So, to address the non-adherence of SOPs by the masses, IAP launched the "Covid free Pakistan" campaign to spread awareness among the people.

The first part of this campaign was to educate people on how important it is to wear face masks. Faculty and students of IAP sent their photos wearing masks so that the message is distinctly conveyed that masks are important for the safety of people and their loved ones.

In the next stage children from all over the Pakistan sent us their photos, wearing masks and with different slogans conveying the most important message, i-e, to observe safety measures and follow SOPs, for the safety and wellbeing of loved ones. Parents' contribution shows the popularity and reaches of the initiative taken by IAP. These contributions and valuable messages were compiled in the form of videos

and spread on different social media platforms. Through this campaign is still in progress and we are taking new steps to further increase the extent of the awareness campaign day by day.

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IAP Mainstream Media Coverage







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11 the efforts and services of IAP for the wellbeing of the masses were appreciated, as IAP has been widely covered by numerous media channels for its great services to the society, especially related to the Covid-19 situation. This reflects immense dedication and the

commitment of the volunteers of this helpline, which gave Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab and Mental Health Helpline, marked recognition nationwide. Director, IAP Dr. Rafia Rafique is the visionary leader of Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab

and she has represented this prestigious institute at numerous platforms, highlighting the philanthropic services IAP is providing. IAP goes online on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter Official page of Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



WEAR A FACE COVERING IN PUBLIC SPACES, WASH YOUR HANDS, AND STAY 6 FEET AWAY FROM OTHERS.



OUR IAP COMMUNITY IS SAFER BECAUSE WE DO OUR PART.

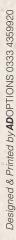






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