# Agreements for an Effective Meeting Space

- Use your video if possible, especially during breakout sessions
- Avoid distractions: turn other devices on silent and minimize open windows on your computer
- Feel free to raise your hand on camera or using nonverbal tools in zoom.
- Please mute your microphone if you are not speaking
- If need technological assistance, please send a chat to Jesse Trutwin (IT coordinator)





# Leading in Times of Crisis

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## Agenda

- The current reality
- Team and individual responses in a crisis
- Strategies for leaders
- Peer group discussions



### **Current Reality**

Kaiser Family Foundation Poll (late April 2020)

56% of U.S. adults and 64% of frontline health care workers reported negative impact of pandemic-related worry and stress on their mental health



0% 20% 40% 60% 80%

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https://www.kff.org/report-section/kff-health-tracking-poll-late-april-2020-economic-and-mental-health-impacts-of-coronavirus/

#### Poll Question

Since the onset of the pandemic, which of the following has been a source of increased stress for your organization's leadership team members?



#### **Emotions**



- Mental endurance
- Distractibility
- Amygdala vs. prefrontal cortex



#### Narrowed Focus



#### Away from

Long-term view
Team perspective

#### **Toward**

Immediate needs
Individual perspective



# Watching for Cues



- Take cues from you
- Are you doing what you're asking of others?



#### **Need for Information**



- Greater uncertainty = more frequent communication
- Will fill in the gaps if needed



# Strategies for Addressing Emotion

- Make room
- Name it & claim it
- Make it safe to express emotions by sharing your own
- Vent where appropriate
- When needed, help others focus on the big picture and what they can control





## Strategies for Addressing Focus

- Reinforce team approach
- Help team think about what's best for the organization and community as a whole
- Consider bringing Community
   Champions into the conversation



- Connect decisions to the mission, broader purpose and long-term view
- Find opportunities to get people connected on a personal level
- Allow room for focusing on ourselves when needed



# Strategies for Addressing Watching for Cues

- Be vigilant about body language
- Project calm
- Find authenticity
- Be consistent in what you say and do
- Model what you're asking of others





## Strategies for Addressing Need for Information

- Communicate relentlessly
- On a predictable schedule when possible
- Multiple avenues
- Be consistent with messaging
- Work with Community Champion to develop consistent messaging inside and outside the organization
- Be upfront with what you know and don't know and what you're doing to get needed information
- Express appreciation and BE SPECIFIC
- Ask and listen to the answer



#### Communication Goals

Minimize anxiety and uncertainty

Inspire a sense of mutual purpose

Promote trust



### Balance Reality With Optimism



Confront the brutal facts of the current reality



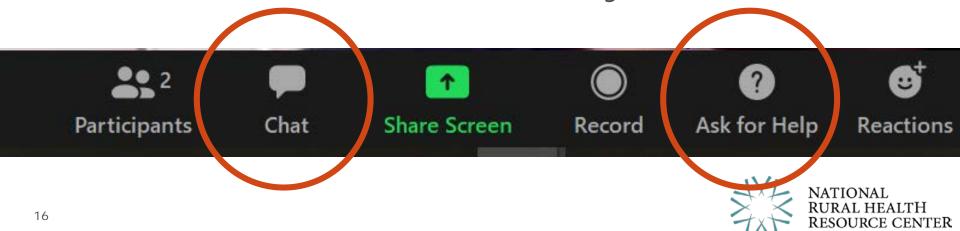
Express faith that you will prevail in the end, regardless of the difficulties

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### **Breakout Groups**

#### **Discussion Questions**

- Introduce yourself: Who you are, where you're located
- What's happening in your community and organization
- One recommendation for leading in this time of crisis: Share a success story



#### Question

Please share one thing in the chat box that you will take away from your small group conversation.



## The Opportunity

- Defining moment for individuals, teams, and organizations
- Build on the good things that come out of this
- Reinforce culture
- Strengthen cohesiveness
- Strengthen employee engagement



### Poll Question

Post – LC Knowledge Questions





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