

SUCCESS WITH YOUR TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENT AT HOME



Getting Ready:

- Confirm your phone number with your provider and have the phone available in the event of a videoconferencing difficulty so your provider can call you
- Choose a room with a door that can be closed off from other areas of the house (if possible)
- Try to limit distractions in the room
- If you have young children in the home, try to set them up with another engaging activity before the appointment (e.g. let them watch their favorite show, set up a craft they can do independently, provide a favorite snack). Think of a back-up activity in case they finish the first one
- Check your internet connection, power chords and start up your device (i.e. tablet, computer, phone) 15 minutes before the session





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DO

- Join the call on time in a quiet, private place (consider use of headphones if needed for privacy concerns)
- Participate and ask questions
- Speak loudly so everyone can hear you
- Place your tablet/phone/computer on a stable surface
- Keep your camera on the entire time
- Make sure you (and any family members attending with you) can be seen on the screen (unless otherwise instructed)
- Mute your tablet/phone/computer to limit distractions
- Be fully present save household chores and other tasks for later
- Prepare yourself like you are going to an appointment (e.g., dress in appropriate clothing)
- Have a phone available in the event of a videoconferencing difficulty so your provider can call you
- Communicate with provider if you need to momentarily attend to child or other person you are caring for
- Review back-up plans with your provider and let them know of any crisis concerns at the beginning of each session



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- Do not turn your camera off
- Do not hold your tablet/phone in your hands and/or move it around
- Do not join while driving
- Do not join in a public area or while outside.
- Don't have children or pets in the room if feasible
- Don't work on household chores during session
- Don't have TV or loud music in the same room
- Limit eating during session
- Do not walk around from room to room while you are in the session

