

Health Navigator New Zealand Website: COVID-19 mental wellness support

A series of resources for people in Tāmaki Makaurau during the COVID pandemic and beyond.

Video transcript: Living alone during the COVID-19 pandemic

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[Background music plays throughout the video]	
[JD is the speaker throughout the video]	
My name is JD and I'm from South Auckland, Papatoetoe.	JD sits on a sofa, with a brightly patterned blanket behind him. He wears a cap, eyeglasses, a tee and a long sleeved jacket.
During lockdown and living on my own, the challenges have been the fact that you are alone.	The scene continues, with JD chatting on the sofa.
You almost feel like you're under house arrest and the anxiety. That's what I was	Then we see JD standing outside, looking thoughtful.
certainly feeling. It triggered a lot of my anxiety.	And then JD is back on the sofa, chatting.
	And then we see JD standing outside again, looking thoughtful.

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And then I lost my job. And I would never have thought that in a million years that would happen to me. And I've been with the same organisation about 25 years. Applying for jobs during lockdown was helpful, but when you got rejected, it sort of made you feel a little bit more unstable, if you like.	The scene continues, with JD chatting on the sofa.
It never crossed my mind that there was help out there, even during lockdown. I just didn't, I just didn't think that there was anywhere that I could go to or anyone I could go to for any help.	JD stands outside, taking a photograph. The scene continues, with JD chatting on the sofa.
I had only just begun before lockdown, doing amateur photography. And so I used that opportunity when I could go out to take photos. There's a social network site on Facebook, which was called Outside My Bedroom Window. I didn't have the luxury of having nice scenery, but I did take a photo of my neighbour's chimney in the evening.	JD stands outside, taking a photograph of a plant. The scene continues, with JD chatting on the sofa. JD stands outside, taking a photograph. There is a wrought iron fence to his side. We see the photo JD took during lockdown – a moody twilight sky with a crescent moon, and the shadowy outline of his neighbour's chimney. The scene continues, with JD chatting on the sofa.

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I've always enjoyed baking, so that kept me sane, I have to say, during the lockdown period. Now that I'm working again, and now that I'm working in health and social services, it has really highlighted for me how vulnerable other people and families have been as a result of COVID and post COVID.	JD pulls a tray of scones and other baked goods out of the oven. He sits in an armchair and serves a scone on a plate. A woman sitting across from him on a sofa takes the plate and smiles. The scene continues, with JD chatting on the sofa.
And in my role as a community connector, that's my job to help others find them the services, because there are people in our communities who still need that help.	The scene continues, with JD chatting on the sofa.
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