

Physical Activities for the whole Family

Some suggestions while we are in isolation....

1. Get creative in your own backyard

Make it easy and enticing

• Encourage kids outside, put some sporting equipment where they will see and use it,

Get on board some wheels

• Get the kids out and about riding their bikes or scooters or using their skateboards/ rollerblades in the driveway or up and down the road.

Turn your backyard into a sporting venue

• Set up a game of backyard cricket, play basketball, frisbee, throw and catch, jump on the trampoline, play piggy in the middle, kick a ball, chase bubbles, pull out the balls, bats, hula hoops, yoga or Pilates

Mix it up and think outside the square

- Use balloons for balloon volleyball, tennis or soccer.
- Or build some obstacle courses the kids can do indoors or outdoors with household items to get them to crawl over and under things.
- Or have races in the backyard relay races such as jumping, hopping, frog jumps, running backwards, walking sideways, or use a pillowslip and do sack races.

2. Get Out and About (exercising)

Go for a walk together, make it interesting:

- 1. Make a scavenger hunt.
- 2. Take Pictures.
- 3. Nature Rubbings.
- 4. Go on a bug hunt or hunt for other creatures.
- 5. Make leaf impressions.
- 6. Collect and Dissect.
- 7. Gather "treasures" for an art project.
- 8. Turn your walk into an obstacle course.

Go for a bike ride together, make it interesting:

- 1. Play follow the leader.
- 2. Explore your local area.
- 3. Go off track a little, explore the park or playing areas.
- 4. Set a distance goal and record it on Strava or your GPS.
- 5. Set up a treasure hunt decide on some places or landmarks that you all need to find.

Try and make physical activity fun and something that the whole family can engage in as a team!