The Stress Continuum

READYGreen zone

- Optimal functioning
- Adaptive growth
- Wellness
- At your best
- Motivated
- Calm & steady
- Physically, mentally, spiritually fit
- Having fun

"No problem"

REACTINGYellow Zone

- Mild or transient distress and/or impairment
- Always goes away
- Low risk
- Irritable, anxious
- Loss of motivation
- Loss of focus
- Tension
- Not having fun

"I can do it!"

INJUREDOrange zone

- More severe and persistent distress or impairment
- Leaves a scar
- Higher risk
- Loss of control
- Rage, panic, depression
- Guilt, shame, blame

"Ugh."

ILL Red zone

- Unhealed stress injury causing life impairment
- Symptoms reach clinical levels
- Symptoms get worse
- Severe distress or impairment in job or social life

" !!! "

STRESS FIRST AID

- ☐ Green
- ☐ Yellow
- **□** Orange
- ☐ Red

- ✓ Where are you on the Stress Continuum today?
- ✓ Where are your coworkers?



for STRESS resources

or Google: Ithaca College Stress First Aid

https://www.ithaca.edu/gerontolog y-institute/finger-lakes-geriatriceducation-center/stress-first-aid









