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Workplace Stress and Anxiety During COVID-19

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The global crisis caused by the outbreak of a novel coronavirus and the associated coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has changed the working conditions for many. As a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and widespread social distancing policies, remote working has increased, and many organizations have started to use new digital applications. These changes have led to potential increases in workplace stress and anxiety. The COVID-19 pandemic represents an unforeseen situation for many companies and workers. Prolonged remote work and having to learn and apply new ways of working and communicating challenged the old methods of working and forced workers around the world to take a digital leap. Socially isolated and digitally mediated work may have brought new and unseen challenges to companies and workers, which are now beginning to emerge.

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