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4 Tips to Stay Connected – Especially During Times Like These

Use your phone to stay in touch and stay safe
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You know the importance of staying connected to your family and friends, particularly as we all try to practice social distancing. A phone call from your granddaughter or best friend can make your day or even your week. Keeping relationships alive and well takes some effort, but it's so worth it. In fact, research shows that older adults who have strong family connections report a higher

To make it easier to stay connected, use the tips below.

- 1. Look for an easy-to-use phone**
Age brings wisdom and perspective, but it can also bring some physical challenges that make it more difficult to use a mobile phone. Look for a **large bright screen** so you can see text messages clearly, **big buttons** to make dialing or texting easier, and a **loud, powerful speaker** so you can hear every word. Even features that let you use your voice to make calls and send texts without having to touch the phone at all make staying connected even easier.


And because many of these features are found in the latest flip phones, many people are switching from a smartphone back to a simpler flip phone. A flip phone is easier to use and can be more cost effective because you're not paying for the bells and whistles you don't use. Is it time for you to switch back to a flip phone? It could be the smart move.
- 2. Look for affordable rate plans**
When evaluating cell phone plans, comparing options head-to-head can be tough. The best cell phone plans maintain an elegant balance: They're **budget-friendly**, while striking the **right mix of basics like talk, text and data**.

This is perhaps obvious, but the more you want to stay connected, the more minutes and texts you'll need. Make sure you ask yourself how connected you want to be and let that guide your cell phone plan decision. And don't forget to look for **reliable nationwide coverage with no long-term contracts**.
- 3. Look for helpful features**
Nothing like sharing photos of the grandkids with an easy-to-use built-in camera. Or other helpful features like a magnifier and built-in flashlight to help in low-light areas...like reading a menu in a dark restaurant! And of course, a phone that makes charging as simple as dropping the phone into a convenient cradle.
- 4. Look for health & safety extras**
All phones can make calls to help you stay connected. You may be surprised to learn that some phones can also act as an urgent response device, with features that can help keep you safe and healthy, giving you and your loved ones peace of mind. With a touch of a button, you get access to highly trained agents who can help in an emergency, big or small. Some even have a feature that allows you to speak with a nurse or doctor from the comfort of your own home, with no appointment or co-pay necessary.

Introducing the ALL-NEW Lively Flip

Calling, texting and staying connected just got easier with the Lively Flip. This all-new flip phone features big buttons, a large screen, a simple list-based menu, and an Urgent Response button on the keypad for help in an emergency. With easy navigation, a powerful speaker, improved 8MP built-in camera, and the ability to use your voice to call and text with Amazon Alexa, you'll enjoy using the Lively Flip every day.

[Click here to see how the ALL-NEW Lively Flip can meet all your needs, keep you connected, and help you stay safe.](#)



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