

# SAFE STRETCHING

For each stretch, take a deep breath, count to three, exhale, and repeat the exercise on the opposite side.

# **UPPER-BODY STRETCHES**

# **MID-BODY STRETCHES**

# **LOWER-BODY STRETCHES**



#### SHOULDER ROLL

- · Roll shoulders back in a full circle
- Roll shoulders forward in a full circle



# **NECK STRETCH**

- · Tilt head to side
- Maintain a long neck
- Extend arm to side for full stretch



#### ROTATOR CUFF STRETCH

- Place back of hand in center of back
- Reach hand around to touch fingers of hand on back
- Change sides



#### **BACK EXTENSION STRETCH**

- · Feet shoulder width apart
- Place hands in curve of spine at low back
- Push hips forward, don't tip head back



# **SHOULDER & CHEST STRETCH**

- · Feet shoulder width apart
- Clasp hands behind back
- Slightly raise arms until you feel



#### WRIST STRETCH

- Bend wrist forward
- Flex wrist back
- Opposite hand on top to assist with stretch



#### **PALM PRESS STRETCH**

- Palms together
- Press & lower until you feel a stretch
- · Do not raise shoulders!



## SIDE BENDING STRETCH

- · Hand one waist, other above head
- Lean to side, focus eyes where neck feels neutral



# SIDE TURNING CHEST STRETCH

- Place one hand on opposite hip
- Extend other arm & lean towards wall slightly
- Do not twist body back



- · Feet shoulder width apart
- Hands on thighs
- Round back, tucking chin to chest



#### **HAMSTRING**

- · Bend one knee
- Extend other leg in front of you & sit back until you feel a stretch
- Do not extend bent knee over toe



#### **OUAD**

- Support body weight
- Grab ankle of one foot & bend knee
- Keep bent knee close to straight leg



# **CALF**

- Step forward with one leg, bend knee and place hands on thigh
- Back leg is straight
- Lean forward slightly to feel stretch along back leg, back toe pointing straight forward with heel pressing down



# **HIP FLEXOR**

- Legs as far apart as flexibility & balance will allow
- Slight lunge down
- Tuck tailbone under to feel stretch along front of the back hip



## **INNER THIGH**

- Bend one knee while extending other leg to side
- Lean towards bent knee
- Sit back to keep knee from extending over big toe



## **CAT STRETCH**