Statement Never Rarely Sometimes Often (1) (2) (3) (4) 1. I do not feel in tune with the people around me 2. I am unhappy doing many things alone 3. There is no one I can turn to 4. I lack companionship 5. I feel as if nobody really understands me 6. I find myself waiting for people to call or write 7. I am no longer close to anyone 8. My ideas and interests are not shared by those around me 9. I am unable to reach out and communicate with those around me 10. My social relationships are superficial 11. I feel starved for company 12. No one really knows me well 13. I feel isolated from others 14. I am unhappy feeling so withdrawn 15. It is difficult for me to make friends 16. I feel shut out and excluded by others 17. People are around me but not with me 18. I do not have a lot in common with the people around me 19. I do not feel there are people I can talk to 20. I do not feel there are people I can turn to

Adapted from both the UCLA Loneliness Scale and the Revised UCLA Loneliness Scale

An average score should be around 40. A score of 50 or higher reflects a high level of loneliness. A score of 60 or high reflects a very high level of loneliness.

Prolonged loneliness can take a toll on your emotional and physical health and can often lead to symptoms of depression or anxiety. You might be interested in checking your symptom levels for depression and anxiety using the psychiatric symptom checklist <u>here</u>. Sharing these results with your primary health care provider or therapist may also prove beneficial to you.