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## **Physical Wellbeing**

## Promote RBC Insurance Digital Wellness Program Resources

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- Launch a company Challenge (e.g. step, eating or sleep challenge)
- Inform employees about the LIFT customized workout app
- Run a healthy lunch photo contest on the newsfeed
- Point to on-line library of self-serve resources
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### **Mental Wellbeing**

**Promote Employee Assistance Program Services** (short-term counselling support)

Promote CarePlus Services (extended counselling support)

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