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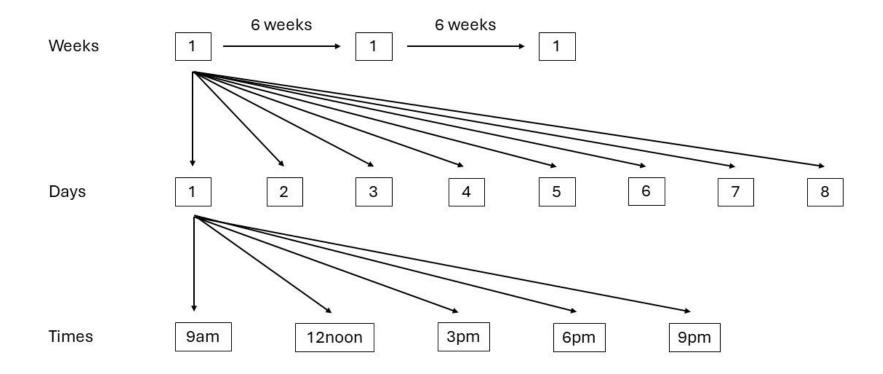
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Supplemental Figure 1. Schedule of ecological momentary assessments recording stress, worry and rumination alongside symptom severities throughout the study. Measures are averaged over times within each day.



Supplemental Table 1. Intraclass correlation coefficients for symptom severity scores (within-participants, between-days)

Symptom severity	Intraclass correlation
(scored 0-10)	(95% CI)
breathlessness	0.39 (0.31, 0.47)
fatigue	0.57 (0.50, 0.64)
pain	0.59 (0.52, 0.67)
dizziness	0.36 (0.27, 0.47)
palpitations	0.28(0.20, 0.37)
anxiety	0.50 (0.42, 0.59)
depression	0.52 (0.43, 0.61)
cognitive dysfunction	0.66 (0.59, 0.72)

Supplementary Table 2: Significance levels (p-values) for the contribution of each psychological measure (daily stress, worry and rumination) in the model for each symptom/outcome

Psychological measure		Same day	1-day time-lag	2-day time-lag
Daily stress	breathlessness fatigue pain dizziness palpitations anxiety depression cognitive dysfunction	p=0.001 p<0.001 p<0.001 p=0.007 p<0.001 p<0.001 p<0.001 p<0.001	p=0.195 p=0.175 p=0.341 p=0.461 p=0.825 p<0.001 p<0.001 p=0.944	p=0.498 p=0.920 p=0.199 p=0.003 p=0.556 p<0.001 p=0.114 p=0.083
Daily worry	breathlessness fatigue pain dizziness palpitations anxiety depression cognitive dysfunction	p=0.189 p<0.001 p=0.415 p=0.118 p=0.236 p<0.001 p<0.001 p=0.002	p=0.162 p=0.076 p=0.929 p=0.171 p=0.407 p=0.003 p=0.002 p=0.649	p=0.557 p=0.917 p=0.002 p=0.473 p=0.846 p=0.655 p=0.902 p=0.524
Daily rumination	breathlessness fatigue pain dizziness palpitations anxiety depression cognitive dysfunction	p=0.839 p=0.841 p=0.384 p=0.508 p=0.013 p=0.803 p=0.625 p=0.189	p=0.073 p=0.657 p=0.012 p=0.136 p=0.836 p=0.389 p=0.057 p=0.830	p=0.861 p=0.631 p=0.498 p=0.448 p=0.852 p=0.083 p=0.867 p=0.261

Supplemental Table 3. Mean change in mean symptom severity scores associated with stress (0-10), by length of time-lag, with 95% credible intervals

	Breathlessness	Fatigue	Pain / discomfort	Dizziness	Palpitations	Anxiety	Depression	Cognitive
Stress (0-10)								dysfunction
Same day								
0	0.0(-0.2, 0.3)	0.0 (-0.4, 0.4)	-0.2 (-0.5, 0.2)	0.2(-0.1, 0.5)	-0.3 (-0.5, -0.1)	-0.8 (-1.1, -0.5)	0.1(-0.2, 0.3)	0.0(-0.3, 0.3)
1	0.0(-0.1, 0.2)	0.0(-0.2, 0.2)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	0.1(-0.1, 0.3)	-0.2 (-0.3, -0.1)	-0.5 (-0.6, -0.3)	0.0(-0.1, 0.2)	0.0(-0.2, 0.2)
2.4 (reference)	-	- '	-	- ′	- ′	- ′	- ′	- ′
4	0.2(0.1, 0.4)	0.4(0.2, 0.6)	0.3(0.2, 0.5)	0.2(0.1, 0.3)	0.1(-0.0, 0.2)	1.4 (1.3, 1.6)	0.9 (0.8, 1.1)	0.3(0.2, 0.5)
8	0.8 (0.3, 1.2)	1.3 (0.7, 1.9)	1.1 (0.5, 1.7)	0.7 (0.3, 1.2)	0.3 (-0.0, 0.6)	4.9 (4.5, 5.4)	3.2 (2.8, 3.6)	1.2 (0.6, 1.7)
1 day before								
0	0.2(-0.1, 0.5)	0.0 (-0.4, 0.4)	0.1(-0.3, 0.4)	-0.0 (-0.3, 0.3)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.4, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.2)	0.1(-0.3, 0.4)
1	0.1 (-0.0, 0.3)	0.0(-0.2, 0.2)	0.0(-0.2, 0.2)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.2)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.1)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.1)	0.0(-0.2, 0.2)
2.4 (reference)	-	- '	- '	-	- ′	- ′ ′	- ′ ′	- ′
4	0.1(-0.0, 0.2)	0.2(-0.0, 0.3)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	0.1(-0.0, 0.2)	-0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.3(0.2, 0.5)	0.4(0.3, 0.5)	0.0(-0.1, 0.2)
8	0.3 (-0.1, 0.7)	0.5 (-0.0, 1.1)	-0.3 (-0.9, 0.2)	0.3 (-0.2, 0.7)	-0.0 (-0.4, 0.3)	1.2 (0.8, 1.6)	1.3 (0.9, 1.7)	0.0 (-0.5, 0.6)
2 days before								
0	0.0 (-0.2, 0.3)	-0.1 (-0.4, 0.3)	-0.2 (-0.6, 0.1)	0.2 (-0.1, 0.5)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	0.2 (-0.1, 0.4)	-0.0 (-0.3, 0.2)	0.2 (-0.2, 0.5)
1	0.0 (-0.1, 0.2)	-0.0 (-0.3, 0.2)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	0.1 (-0.0, 0.3)	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.1)	0.1 (-0.0, 0.3)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.1)	0.1 (-0.1, 0.3)
2.4 (reference)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	0.1 (-0.0, 0.2)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.1)	0.1(-0.1, 0.2)	0.2(0.1, 0.3)	-0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.3 (0.2, 0.4)	0.1(-0.0, 0.2)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.0)
8	0.2 (-0.2, 0.6)	-0.1 (-0.7, 0.5)	0.2 (-0.4, 0.7)	0.7 (0.3, 1.2)	-0.1 (-0.5, 0.2)	1.0 (0.6, 1.4)	0.4 (-0.0, 0.8)	-0.4 (-0.9, 0.1)

Supplemental Table 4. Mean change in mean symptom severity scores associated with worry (0-10), by length of time-lag, with 95% credible intervals

Worry (0-10)	Breathlessness	Fatigue	Pain / discomfort	Dizziness	Palpitations	Anxiety	Depression	Cognitive dysfunction
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Same day								
0	-0.2 (-0.4, 0.1)	-0.7 (-1.0, -0.3)	-0.2 (-0.6, 0.1)	-0.2 (-0.4, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	-0.2 (-0.5, 0.0)	-0.3 (-0.6, -0.0)	-0.4 (-0.7, -0.1)
1	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.0)	-0.4 (-0.6, -0.2)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.0)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.0)	-0.2 (-0.3, -0.0)	-0.2 (-0.4, -0.0)
2.1 (reference)	-		-	` -		-	-	
4	0.1 (-0.1, 0.2)	0.4(0.2, 0.6)	0.0 (-0.2, 0.2)	0.1(-0.0, 0.3)	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.0)	0.3(0.1, 0.4)	0.3(0.2, 0.5)	0.2(0.1, 0.4)
8	0.2 (-0.3, 0.7)	1.3 (0.6, 2.0)	-0.0 (-0.7, 0.6)	0.4 (-0.2, 0.9)	-0.3 (-0.7, 0.1)	0.8 (0.3, 1.3)	1.0 (0.5, 1.5)	0.7 (0.1, 1.3)
1 day before								
0	0.2 (-0.0, 0.5)	0.4 (-0.0, 0.7)	0.0 (-0.3, 0.4)	0.1(-0.2, 0.4)	0.1(-0.1, 0.3)	0.1(-0.2, 0.3)	0.2 (-0.1, 0.4)	-0.0 (-0.3, 0.3)
1	0.1 (-0.0, 0.3)	0.2 (-0.0, 0.4)	0.0 (-0.2, 0.2)	0.1 (-0.1, 0.2)	0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.0 (-0.1, 0.2)	0.1 (-0.0, 0.2)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.2)
2.1 (reference)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.2)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.0)	0.1 (-0.0, 0.2)	-0.2 (-0.4, -0.1)	-0.2 (-0.4, -0.1)	0.1 (-0.1, 0.3)
8	-0.0 (-0.5, 0.5)	-0.4 (-1.1, 0.4)	-0.1 (-0.8, 0.6)	-0.4 (-0.9, 0.1)	0.3 (-0.1, 0.7)	-0.8 (-1.3, -0.3)	-0.8 (-1.2, -0.3)	0.3 (-0.3, 0.9)
2 days before								
0	0.1 (-0.1, 0.4)	0.1 (-0.3, 0.4)	0.3 (-0.1, 0.6)	0.1(-0.2, 0.3)	0.1 (-0.2, 0.2)	0.1 (-0.2, 0.3)	-0.0 (-0.3, 0.3)	-0.1 (-0.4, 0.2)
1	0.1 (-0.1, 0.2)	0.0 (-0.1, 0.2)	0.2 (-0.0, 0.3)	0.0 (-0.1, 0.2)	0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.0 (-0.1, 0.2)	-0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.1)
2.1 (reference)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	0.0 (-0.1, 0.2)	0.0 (-0.2, 0.2)	-0.3 (-0.5, -0.1)	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.1)	-0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.1 (-0.1, 0.2)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.1)	0.1 (-0.1, 0.3)
8	0.2 (-0.3, 0.7)	0.1 (-0.7, 0.8)	-1.0 (-1.6, -0.3)	-0.3 (-0.8, 0.3)	-0.0 (-0.4, 0.4)	0.2 (-0.3, 0.7)	-0.1 (-0.6, 0.4)	0.3 (-0.4, 0.9)

Supplemental Table 5. Mean change in mean symptom severity scores associated with rumination (0-10), by length of time-lag, with 95% credible intervals

D : (0.10)	Breathlessness	Fatigue	Pain / discomfort	Dizziness	Palpitations	Anxiety	Depression	Cognitive
Rumination (0-10)								dysfunction
Same day								
0	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.1)	0.1(-0.2, 0.4)	-0.1 (-0.4, 0.2)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.1)	0.1(-0.1, 0.3)	0.0(-0.2, 0.3)
1.4 (reference)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	0.0 (-0.0, 0.1)	-0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.0 (-0.0, 0.1)	0.0(-0.0, 0.1)	0.0 (-0.0, 0.1)	0.0(-0.0, 0.1)	-0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.0(-0.1, 0.1)
4	0.0(-0.2, 0.3)	-0.0 (-0.3, 0.3)	0.2 (-0.1, 0.5)	0.0(-0.2, 0.2)	0.3 (0.1, 0.4)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.2)	0.0(-0.2, 0.3)	0.2(-0.1, 0.5)
8	0.1 (-0.6, 0.7)	0.0 (-1.0, 1.0)	0.5 (-0.5, 1.4)	-0.1 (-0.9, 0.6)	0.7 (0.2, 1.2)	-0.1 (-0.8, 0.5)	0.3 (-0.4, 0.9)	0.8 (-0.1, 1.7)
1 day before								
0	-0.2 (-0.4, -0.0)	-0.0 (-0.3, 0.3)	-0.1 (-0.4, 0.1)	0.0(-0.2, 0.2)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	0.1(-0.2, 0.3)
1.4 (reference)	- ′	- ′	- ′			-	- ′	- ′
2	0.1(0.0, 0.1)	0.0(-0.1, 0.1)	0.1 (-0.0, 0.1)	0.0(-0.1, 0.1)	0.0 (-0.0, 0.1)	0.0 (-0.0, 0.1)	0.1 (-0.0, 0.1)	-0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)
4	0.1(-0.1, 0.3)	0.1(-0.2, 0.5)	0.4(0.1, 0.7)	0.2(-0.0, 0.5)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.1)	0.1(-0.1, 0.3)	0.3(0.0, 0.5)	0.0(-0.3, 0.3)
8	-0.1 (-0.8, 0.6)	0.5 (-0.5, 1.5)	1.3 (0.4, 2.2)	0.8 (0.0, 1.5)	-0.1 (-0.7, 0.4)	0.2 (-0.5, 0.8)	0.7 (0.0, 1.4)	0.2 (-0.7, 1.0)
2 days before								
0	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.2)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.2)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.1)	0.0(-0.2, 0.2)	-0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	-0.1 (-0.2, 0.1)	-0.0 (-0.2, 0.1)	0.1 (-0.1, 0.4)
1.4 (reference)	- '	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.0 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.0 (-0.0, 0.1)	0.0(-0.1, 0.1)	0.0 (-0.0, 0.1)	0.0(-0.1, 0.1)	0.0 (-0.0, 0.1)	-0.0 (-0.1, 0.0)
4	0.1 (-0.2, 0.3)	-0.1 (-0.4, 0.2)	0.2 (-0.1, 0.4)	0.1(-0.1, 0.3)	0.0 (-0.1, 0.2)	-0.2 (-0.4, 0.0)	0.0 (-0.2, 0.2)	0.1 (-0.2, 0.3)
8	0.2 (-0.5, 0.9)	-0.3 (-1.3, 0.6)	0.4 (-0.6, 1.3)	0.4 (-0.3, 1.2)	0.2 (-0.4, 0.7)	-0.7 (-1.4, -0.1)	-0.1 (-0.7, 0.6)	0.5 (-0.4, 1.4)

Supplementary Table 6. Significance levels (p-values) for tests of interaction terms between psychological measures (stress, worry and rumination) and gender

Psychological measure for which interaction with gender is included	Symptom severity	Same day	1-day time-lag	2-day time-lag
Stress	breathlessness fatigue pain dizziness palpitations anxiety depression cognitive dysfunction	p=0.165 p=0.699 p=0.761 p=0.566 p=0.174 p=0.623 p=0.991 p=0.922	p=0.950 p=0.478 p=0.099 p=0.568 p=0.314 p=0.940 p=0.597 p=0.983	p=0.493 p=0.090 p=0.326 p=0.310 p=0.287 p=0.697 p=0.077 p=0.009
Worry	breathlessness fatigue pain dizziness palpitations anxiety depression cognitive dysfunction	p=0.034 p=0.611 p=0.627 p=0.053 p=0.875 p=0.413 p=0.831 p=0.342	p=0.169 p=0.541 p=0.923 p=0.671 p=0.565 p=0.288 p=0.313 p=0.174	p=0.869 p=0.322 p=0.030 p=0.028 p=1.000 p=0.458 p=0.001 p=0.424
Rumination	breathlessness fatigue pain dizziness palpitations anxiety depression cognitive dysfunction	p=0.941 p=0.711 p=0.735 p=0.007 p=0.001 p=0.470 p=0.367 p=0.926	p=0.146 p=0.389 p=0.046 p=0.273 p=0.026 p=0.120 p=0.904 p=0.648	p=0.376 p=0.160 p=0.932 p=0.786 p=1.000 p=0.310 p=0.004 p=0.197

Supplementary Table 7. Significance levels (p-values) for tests of interaction terms between psychological measures (stress, worry and rumination) and a pre-existing mental health condition

Psychological measure for which interaction with pre- existing mental health condition is included	Symptom severity	Same day	1-day time-lag	2-day time-lag
Stress	breathlessness fatigue pain dizziness palpitations anxiety depression cognitive dysfunction	p=0.169 p=0.667 p=0.803 p=0.609 p=0.165 p=0.590 p=0.983 p=0.932	p=0.955 p=0.445 p=0.094 p=0.621 p=0.294 p=0.921 p=0.539 p=0.998	p=0.560 p=0.102 p=0.266 p=0.344 p=0.262 p=0.699 p=0.102 p=0.011
Worry	breathlessness fatigue pain dizziness palpitations anxiety depression cognitive dysfunction	p=0.043 p=0.552 p=0.583 p=0.067 p=0.869 p=0.420 p=0.821 p=0.383	p=0.133 p=0.512 p=0.924 p=0.703 p=0.530 p=0.266 p=0.268 p=0.181	p=0.865 p=0.238 p=0.028 p=0.023 p=0.996 p=0.528 p=0.001 p=0.386
Rumination	breathlessness fatigue pain dizziness palpitations anxiety depression cognitive dysfunction	p=0.942 p=0.720 p=0.829 p=0.007 p=0.001 p=0.431 p=0.358 p=0.908	p=0.164 p=0.346 p=0.049 p=0.320 p=0.026 p=0.126 p=0.859 p=0.660	p=0.407 p=0.167 p=0.946 p=0.793 p=0.996 p=0.324 p=0.005 p=0.225