



Strategies for eating healthy and being active at home during the COVID-19 pandemic

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HOW STRESS AFFECTS YOUR BODY



PLAN

EATING HEALTHY

- 1. Healthy dietary pattern
- 2. Mindful eating
- 3. Make your environment Nuday

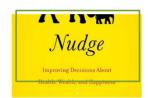
BEING ACTIVE

- Benefits of exercise
- 2. 24-hr Movement guidelines
- Christina's Tips for Exercise snacking

PROPS NEEDED – 3 raisins
YOUR QUESTIONS











STRESS

Short term





Brain signals adrenal glands to produce adrenaline



Appetite

STRESS

Long-term





Adrenal glands produce cortisol



Appetite Food choices Abdominal fat



Risk of Type 2 Diabetes, Heart disease, Obesity

Other factors: Sleep, Exercise, Alcohol etc.

DIETARY PATTERN TO SUPPORT HEALTH



Vitamins

(e.g. vit. A, Folate etc.)

Minerals

(e.g. Calcium, Potassium etc.)

Carbohydrates, Proteins, Fats, Dietary Fibre

WHEN WE SAY HEALT MY MEALS & SNACKS...

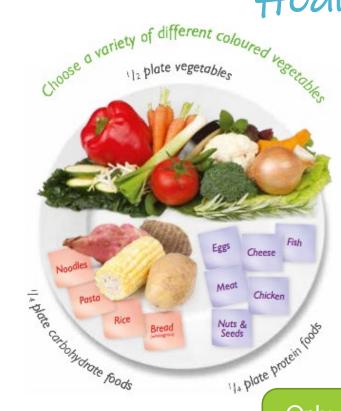
What does Healthy look like?



ACTUALLY...

Healthy = Balanced!

Use whole foods first!







Only 11% of Canadians fill half their plate with fruits and vegetables at every meal (Nielsen, 2019)



LABEL READING FOR HEALTHY CHOICES

Choose LESS saturated/trans fats, sodium, added sugars

Choose MORE fibre, protein



Ingredient List

NEW



INGREDIENTS: Whole wheat, wheat bran, sugar/glucose-fructose, salt, malt (corn flour, malted barley), vitamins

OK, HOW DO I MANAGE EATING AND STRESS?



LET'S CHECK THE RESEARCH....

MINDFUL EATING





AWARENESS AND ATTENTION

- •I notice when there are subtle flavors in the foods I eat.
- •When eating a pleasant meal, I notice if it makes me feel relaxed.
- •I appreciate the way my food looks on my plate.
- •Before I eat I take a moment to appreciate the colors and smells of my food.
- •I taste every bite of food that I eat.

Thought for Food: Imagined Consumption Reduces Actual Consumption



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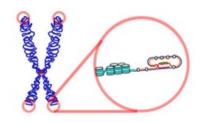
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More attention to an experience

RESEARCH STUDIES: EATING AND STRESS

Who	Type of study	Results				
47 Women Healthy lifestyle + Mindfulness Vs. Control Healthy	Healthy lifestyle + Mindfulness - 10 weekly group sessions (2.5 hrs / week + 1 full day) - Individual activities (30 min/d) - Mindful eating	 ↓ Chronic stress ↓ External eating ↓ Cortisol awakening response (CAR) ↓ abdominal fat in those with ↓ CAR ↔ weight vs. ↑ weight (control) 				
Journal of Obesity 2011, Article ID 651936, 13 pages doi:10.1155/2011/651936	Control Healthy lifestyle - only 2-hr nutrition and exercise info session @ midway	 ↑ Telomerase activity (trend for higher attendance to sessions) ↓ Cortisol ↓ in % calories from fat ↓ dietary restraint (dieting behaviours) 				
Psychoneuroendocrinology. 2012 July;37(7):917-928						

RESEARCH STUDIES: EATING AND STRESS



telomerase activity. High dietary restraint may impact telomerase activity through metabolic pathways. Unsuccessful dieting attempts may result in increased dietary fat intake, which leads to greater oxidative stress (Sies et al., 2005). Alternatively, dietary fat intake promotes higher lipid accumulation, which triggers certain PBMCs to secrete more inflammatory molecules (Libby, 2006). Either of these changes could contribute to impairments of the telomere maintenance system (Paul, 2011). The present results point to the need to encourage flexible and balanced weight loss strategies to avoid a sense of deprivation that may lead to chronic consumption of highfat foods and eventual accelerated cellular aging.

MINDFUL EATING

Eat 3 raisins...one at a time



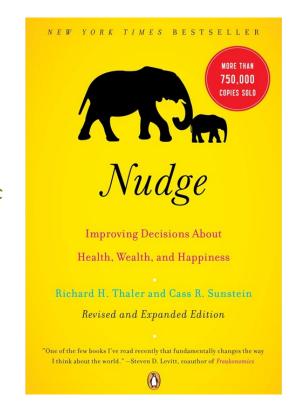
What do you see?
How does it smell?
How does it feel in your mouth?
How does it taste?
Where did it come from?
How does it nourish your body?

How does this experience differ from eating a handful of raisins? How would you describe this experience?

RESEARCH NUDGE THEORY

There's no such thing as neutral design.
Richard H. Thaler & Cass R. Sunstein

People don't make good decisions when they are:
Inexperienced
Poorly informed
Tired/Hungry



MAKING YOUR ENVIRONMENT NUTCHY

Set an Eating Routine

Simple as possible = default choices

2-1 meals / recipes

Make a grocery list, Stock your kitchen

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1	1 12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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MAKING YOUR ENVIRONMENT NUTCHY

3 Breakfast meals3 lunch meals4-6 supper meals

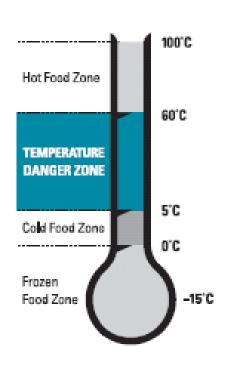
Meal	S	M	Т	W	Th	F	S
Breakfast	Leftover Breakfast #1	Breakfast	#2		Breakfast #3		Breakfast #1
Lunch	Lunch #1		Lunch #2		Lunch #3		Leftover Supper #5
Supper	Supper #1		Supper #2	Supper #3	Supper #4	Supper #5	Supper #6



Refrigerate or freeze all leftovers in < 2 hours to minimize the chance of bacteria growing.



MAKING YOUR ENVIRONMENT NUT



What about food safety?

- •Minimize time TEMPERATURE DANGER ZONE (tdz) during Prep and Cooling (< 2 hrs)</p>
- ■TDZ: 4°C 60 °C
- Temperature range within which most bacteria grow and reproduce rapidly
- Refrigerate or freeze all leftovers within 2 hours to minimize the chance of bacteria growing.



MAKING YOUR ENVIRONMENT NUMBER Y

Have components ready in your pantry and fridge



Onions, garlic, ginger root, carrot, celery, apples, clementimes or oranges / Frozen vegetable and fruit mixes, frozen peas, corn, beans, spinach, berries, mangoes / Fresh options – rotate between leafy greens, broccoli, cucumber



Milk/ yogourt / Fish and seafood (fresh, can, fzn) / Legumes (dried or canned lentils, chickpeas, peas, black beans) / Nuts, Poultry and Red meat

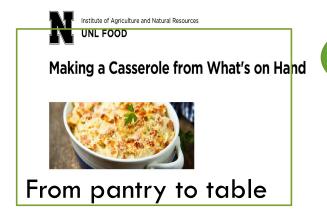


Bread / Cereal / Potatoes / Rice / Pasta / Grains: barley, millet, whole grain flours, oats

MAKING YOUR ENVIRONMENT NUT







Guelph Family Health Study Focus group tested Try 2-in-1 recipes!

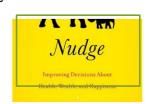
SUMMARY

- 1. Healthy dietary pattern
- a. Meals & Snacks vs. Nutrients
- 2. Mindful eating
- a. Attention
- b. Attitude
- 3. Make your environment Nudgy
- a. Set a routine
- b. Plan some meals (2-1 meals)
- c. Regular food items on hand











LET'S GET MOVING!



RESOURCES

What to eat to maintain an immune system-friendly diet – Leslie Beck, RD, The Globe and Mail

No, you probably can't 'boost' your immune system to prevent coronavirus. Here's why. — Cara Rosenbloom, RD, The Washington Post

Recipes: Guelph Family Health Study — <u>Rock what you've got</u>, <u>"Making a casserole from what's on hand", Cookspiration</u> & <u>Défi Santé</u>

General Food Safety tips & Safe food storage – Health Canada, Food Safety in the Home, CPHA

Jean Kristeller – The joy of eating half a cookie

Michelle May - Am I Hungry?

Thich Nhat Hanh and Dr. Lilian Cheung – <u>Savor</u>

Jan Chozen-Bays – <u>Centre for Mindful eating</u>

Susan Albers – <u>Eating mindfully</u>

Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology - Canadian 24-HR Movement Guidelines