





#### Fit for the Fight: Staying Healthy during COVID-19

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## Help Your Body

Help your body stay strong, so you can stay healthy!

- Eat healthy
- Be active
- Sleep well
- Manage stress & anxiety





#### Eat Healthy

"We are what we repeatedly do." - Aristotle

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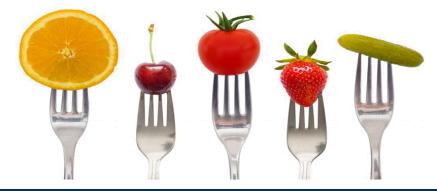




## Eat Healthy

Focus on *what* you eat AND *how* you eat.

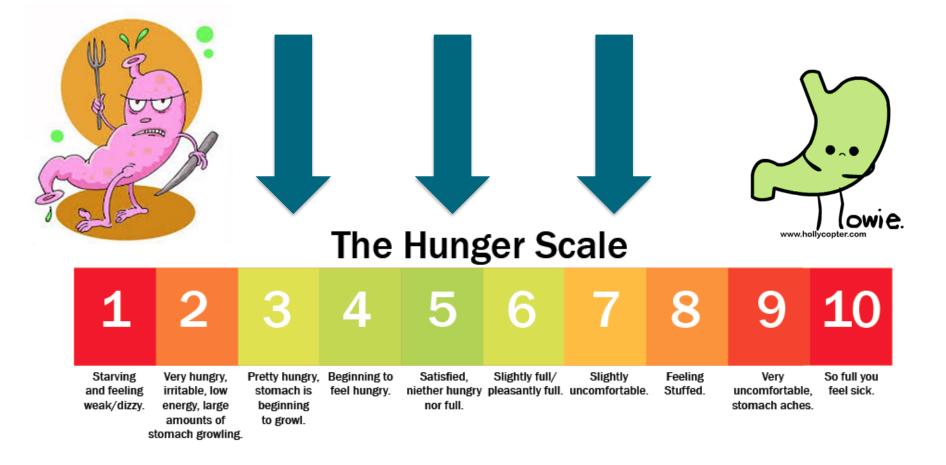
- Eat every 4-5 hours
- Eat breakfast
- Eat balanced meals
- No caffeine after 2 pm
- Limit alcohol
- No tobacco







### The Hunger Scale





#### **Be Active**

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## Physical Activity Recommendations

#### • Fit in 150+

Get at least 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity or 75 minutes per week of vigorous aerobic activity, preferably spread throughout the week.

#### Move more, sit less

Get up and move throughout the day. Any activity is better than none, and even lightintensity activity can offset the serious health risks of being sedentary.

#### Add intensity

Moderate to vigorous aerobic exercise is best. Your heart will beat faster, and you'll breathe harder than normal. If you can talk, but not sing, you're at about a moderate intensity.

#### Add muscle

Include moderate-to high-intensity muscle-strengthening activity (like resistance or weight training) at least twice per week.

Source: American Heart Association





#### Add Movement During Your Working Hours

- 1. Stick to a daily routine and have a set time for exercise. Put it in your calendar or set an alarm.
- 2. Walk around during calls.
- 3. Keep exercise equipment in sight (ex. Hand weights by your workstation)
- 4. Schedule your break time in your calendar and move.
- 5. Get up from your seat to eat.



#### "Sleep is the best meditation." - Dalai Lama

### Sleep

#### Recovery

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## **Benefits of Sleep**

- Sharper Brain
- Improved mood
- Healthier heart
- Athletic achievement
- Blood glucose control
- Improved immune function
- Weight control



"Sleep is the cheapest form of healthcare"

- Matthew Walker, PhD





### Tips for Better Sleep Hygiene

Establish relaxing routine	Avoid caffeine or stimulants before bedtime	Don't go to bed hungry or full
Exercise	Exposure to sunlight during day	Create a pleasant sleep environment
	Emotional regulation	









## Coping with COVID-19

- 1. Take breaks from the news
- 2. Practice mindfulness
- 3. Make time to unwind
- 4. Connect with others
- 5. Focus on the facts and what you can control
- 6. Be kind
- 7. Set healthy boundaries





## **Good News**

#### Focus on positivity during high-stress times.

#### Instagram:

- Power of Positivity (@powerofpositivity)
- Good News Movement (@goodnews\_movement)
   YouTube:
- John Krasinski "Some Good News" YouTube series
   Books:
- The Happiness Advantage
- Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance

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### Resources

Eat Healthy	<ul> <li><u>Livongo Diabetes Prevention Program</u></li> <li><u>USDA MyPlate</u></li> <li><u>American Heart Association</u></li> <li><u>American Diabetes Association</u></li> </ul>
Be Active	<ul> <li><u>YMCA</u> (Free online &amp; live classes)</li> <li>YouTube</li> <li>Fitbit Premium (Free 90-day trial)</li> </ul>
Sleep Well	<ul> <li>Sleep meditation (Free on YouTube)</li> <li>Sleep apps: White Noise, Awoken, Sleep Cycle Alarm Clock</li> </ul>
Manage Stress & Anxiety	<ul> <li>Employee Assistance Program <u>www.feieap.com</u></li> <li>Username: hhs</li> <li>Cigna Behavioral Health &amp; Coaching         <ul> <li>Visit myCigna.com or call number on back of ID card</li> <li>Contact Latecia Murphy Latecia.Murphy@cigna.com</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Other	Visit <b>myCigna.com</b> for COVID-19 symptom tracking, provider information & telehealth





## Summary

## Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you.

Walt Whitman

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