

BODY ZONE “DOES YOUR HEART GOOD” WELLNESS CALENDAR

February 2023 - American Heart Month

A healthy heart is within your reach. You know the rules: get active, eat more fruits and vegetables and keep blood pressure and cholesterol levels in check.

Use our Wellness Calendar as your heart healthy guide this month! Track the days you read a fact or completed a tip by circling that date. Submit this completed calendar to Guest Services by March 1 for a chance to win a \$129 MYZONE heart rate tracker wearable. Learn more about MYZONE at Body Zone here: bodyzonesports.com/myzone.



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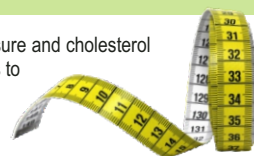
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Do Your Heart Good!

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- 1 Get active.** Integrating physical activity into your daily life helps you maintain an ideal weight, reduces stress and creates a stronger heart. The American Heart Association recommends getting 30 minutes of moderate physical activity at least five times per week. Take a group fitness class or walk or run on the track or outside.
- 2 Become a smart eater.** A well balanced, heart healthy diet is rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and fiber. Limit the amount of cholesterol, salt and trans or saturated fats in your diet. Avoid processed and "fast foods" which contain hidden, empty calories.
- 3 Reign in the red meat.** Substitute with poultry or fish. Make sure it's lean and keep portions small, about the size of a deck of cards. Try going meat-free for a day and eat plant-based, polyunsaturated fats like olive oil, avocado, nuts and seeds which have proven heart benefits.
- 4 Stop smoking.** This has major and immediate health benefits. The earlier you quit, the greater the benefits. Tobacco use increases blood pressure and leads to the narrowing of arteries.
- 5 De-stress.** Meditate, take a yoga class, or get a massage. Learning proper breathing techniques in meditation and yoga, and flushing out toxins with massage are great for the circulation and oxygen exchange.
- 6 Know your numbers!** Free blood pressure screening today from 9-11 am by Tracy Kowalski RN & Power Kunkle Wellness Matters. Aquatics Lobby.
- 7 Schedule a free InBody body composition screening** for any Tuesday in February to understand percent body fat and cardiometabolic risk. Learn how a body composition screening can impact your overall health. Email skupetz@bodyzonesports.com for an appointment before Feb. 28.
- 8 Swim.** It's a great way to burn calories and strengthen muscles with low-impact cardio.
- 9 Keep an eye on your weight.** Statistics from a National Health Education and Nutrition survey state that nearly one third of adults in the United States are obese. A simple formula for managing a healthy body weight really comes down to calories in and energy out. Find out how many calories you should consume in a day if you want to lose weight. Multiply your current body weight by 15 and get the number of calories you need to maintain your current weight. Eat less and exercise more to lose weight.
- 10 Know the warning signs** of heart disease, stroke and heart attacks. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back, according to the American Heart Association.
- 11 Buy and eat** plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables that are deeply colored – such as spinach, carrots, peaches and berries – tend to be higher in vitamins and minerals than others, such as potatoes and corn.
- 12 Don't skip breakfast.** Most heart attacks occur between 7:00 AM and noon – possibly because the cells that help blood clot (platelets) are stickiest then. Eating breakfast appears to make platelets less sticky ... and less likely to clump together and block a vital artery.
- 13 Get your tape measures out.** Just as you should know your blood pressure and cholesterol levels, it's also important to know your waist circumference when it comes to protecting your heart. Guidelines indicate that a high risk of heart disease and stroke starts when men's waistlines reach 40 inches and women's waistlines reach 34.65 inches.



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Happy Valentine's Day! Eat Chocolate. Dark Chocolate has flavonoids, which not only taste great, but they can stave off heart disease, according to a study published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. Also, Johns Hopkins has done some research that suggests dark chocolate can positively affect blood clotting.

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Rock on. Listen to your favorite music at least once per day. Singing or dancing to your favorite songs helps decrease stress, burn calories, and promote happy thoughts.

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Pump it. Aerobic activity isn't the only exercise that can benefit your heart. The American Heart Association recommends strength training to be part of your healthy heart routine, because it increases your muscle mass, which increases the number of calories you burn every day. Meet with one of our Certified Personal Trainers to start your weight training program.

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Try interval training. Studies show that short, repeated bursts of intense cardio activity, followed by less intense activity (getting your heart rate up and down repeatedly), strengthens your cardiovascular system. Our new REP ROOM HIIT Studio provides the perfect opportunity! bodyzonesports.com/reproom

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Monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFAs) may help lower your risk of heart disease by improving related risk factors. Fish, nuts (walnuts, almonds, pistachios), avocado, and olive oil are examples of Omega-3 fatty acids, which are healthy types of fat. Some research shows that MUFAs may also benefit insulin levels and blood sugar control, which can be especially helpful if you have type 2 diabetes.

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Be social. Keeping socially "fit" is proven to decrease stress, which can decrease the chance of heart disease. Join a club, or take a group fitness class and meet new friends @ BZ!



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Spice it up. Herbs and spices make food tasty and are also rich in health-promoting substances. Season your meals with herbs and spices rather than salt.

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Whole grains are good sources of fiber and other nutrients that play a role in regulating blood pressure and heart health. You can increase the amount of whole grains in a heart-healthy diet by making simple substitutions for refined grain products.

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Pass on the butter. Try olive or coconut oil as a healthy replacement for butter or margarine. Use it in cooking. After cooking pasta, add a touch of olive oil, some garlic and green onions for flavoring. Dip bread in flavored olive oil or lightly spread it on whole-grain bread for a tasty alternative to butter. Try tahini (blended sesame seeds) as a dip or spread for bread too.

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Chest pain doesn't always occur in the chest. With women, chest pain can actually occur in a number of places. Women can experience pain in the arm, back and even teeth that is actually associated with the heart. If you are experiencing abnormal pain, contact your physician.

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Unwind your mind with fun a hobby. Bake, cook, do a puzzle, knit a scarf. Relaxing and fun hobbies and projects take the edge off stressful days.

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Go to the dentist. Professional cleaning appears to reduce inflammation-causing bacterial growth, which can lead to dangerous inflammation.

