NUTRITION EDUCATION cont.

Vary your vegetables

Include a variety of different colored, flavored, and textured vegetables. Most vegetables are a low-calorie source of nutrients. Vegetables are also a good source of fiber.

Eat for your teeth and gums

Many people find that their <u>teeth and gums</u> change as they age. People with dental problems sometimes find it hard to chew fruits, vegetables, or meats. Don't miss out on needed nutrients! Try cooked or canned foods like unsweetened <u>fruit</u>, low-sodium soups, or canned tuna.

Use herbs and spices

Foods may seem to lose their flavor as you age. If favorite dishes taste different, it may not be the cook! Maybe your sense of <u>smell, sense of taste</u>, or both have changed. <u>Medicines</u> may also change how foods taste. Add flavor to your meals with herbs and spices.

Keep food safe

Don't take a chance with your health. Throw out food that might not be safe. Avoid certain foods that are risky for an older person, such as unpasteurized <u>dairy</u> foods. Foods can be harmful to you when they are raw or undercooked, such as eggs, sprouts, fish, shellfish, meat, or poultry.

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CHOOSING HEALTHY MEALS AS WE AGE

Drink Plenty of liquids

With age, you may lose some of your sense of thirst. <u>Drink</u> water often. Low-fat or fat-free milk or 100% juice also helps you stay hydrated. Limit beverages that have lots of <u>added sugars</u> or salt. Learn which liquids are healthier choices.

Make eating a social event

Meals are more enjoyable when you eat with others. Invite a friend to join you or take part in a potluck at least twice a week. A senior center or place of worship may offer meals that are shared with others. There are many ways to make mealtimes pleasing.

Know how much to eat

Learn to recognize how much to eat so you can control portion size. When eating out, pack part of your meal to eat later. One restaurant dish might be enough for two meals or more.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 BBQ Chicken Sweet Potatoes Peas & Carrots Orange Milk	4 CLOSED	5 Beef Burrito, w/Green Sauce, Spanish Rice SW Black Beans Mango Cup Milk	6 Pesto Chicken Brussels Sprouts Wild & Brown Rice Pear Milk	7 CLOSED
Swedish Meatballs w/ WW Pasta Brussels Sprouts Applesauce Cup Milk	CLOSED	Bell Pepper Casserole Roasted Red Potatoes Peas and Carrots Pear Milk	Chicken Teriyaki Brown Rice Succotash Orange Milk	14 CLOSED
Shepard's Pie w/cheese Winter Blend, Veg WW Roll w/ Butter, Peach Cup, Milk	18 CLOSED	19 Beef Bourguignon Mashed Potatoes Broccoli, Orange Milk	20 Chicken Ala King Jasmine Rice, Green Beans, Apple Milk	CLOSED
Chicken Cacciatore w/ Parm WW Pasta Green Beans, Pear Cup Milk	25 CLOSED	26 Chicken Pot Pie w/ Buttermilk Biscuit Lima Beans, Pear Milk	Thanksgiving Day Silver Key Closed	Thanksgiving Day Silver Key Closed



Menu substitutions may occur without notice. Clients who take leftovers home do so at their own risk.

Members are advised to keep a 3-day supply of nonperishable foods and bottled water in their home in the event of inclement weather or other emergencies that may cause a temporary suspension of service.

We value your feedback! At the end of the month, return your menu to your café specialist & write in a 1-3 rank on the day's entry.