

## NUTRITION CORNER

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## **Boosting Your Immune System**

This year has been like no other we have ever seen. A strong immune system helps you to fight off and prevent infection. As we age this just happens to get a little bit more difficult. The best way to boost your immune system is with nutrition!

- Eat hot foods when they are hot! Micro-organisms grow at room temperature
- Increase your intake of cooked leafy green vegetables: they provide added sources of B vitamins and Iron
- Increase your intake of fruits
- Add spices such as ginger, black pepper and garlic while cooking, they offer anti-inflammatory properties
- Drink plenty of water, this helps to flush the toxins from the body
- Add probiotics into your diet, like yogurt this helps to maintain what is called a "healthy gut"
- Eat a well balanced healthy diet and exercise, exercise!



Wash your hands, wear a mask when in public,



## **STAY HEALTHY!**



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