# EAT HEART HEALTHY

**5-DAY FLAVORFUL HEART-SMART MEAL PLAN** Pullout!

#### PLUS:

- 7 Easy Ways to Eat Heart Smart
- ▼ 6 Heart-Healthy Snack Hacks
- Eat This, Ditch That

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#### **WELCOME!**

We LOVE healthy food and we're here to help YOU and your HEART love it, too!

Eating heart-smart, brain-healthy, body-friendly foods doesn't have to be boring, bland, expensive, or difficult to prep. This guide is loaded with tips, swaps, and simple tweaks that make choosing, cooking, and eating heart-smart foods easy and delicious!

Kick off your eating adventure with our 5-Day Meal Plan. From a savory sunrise scramble to zesty lemon garlic shrimp zoodles, this is the most flavorful way to eat for a healthy and happy heart (and body!).

Enjoy ♥!
The Livongo Team

#### **SNEAK PEEK**

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### 7TASTY **UPGRADESFOR** A**HEALTHY**HEART

#### **DELICIOUS DIET TWEAKS**

Feasting on foods that keep your ticker — and your overall health — in tip-top shape takes just a few (tasty!) changes. Follow these tips to eat more whole foods and veggies, less sodium and processed foods, and more potassium and good fats to help your heart beat healthier and happier.



#### STRIKE THE SALT

Too much sodium in your bloodstream pulls water into your blood vessels, increasing blood pressure. High blood pressure forces your heart to work harder, and can damage blood vessel walls. Instead, try a squeeze of citrus for flavor and a shake of salt-free seasoning.



#### **PUMP UP POTASSIUM**

The yin to sodium's yang, potassium halts sodium in its tracks by escorting it out of the body through urine and relaxing the blood vessel walls. Bananas, Greek yogurt, and broccoli are solid sources of this heart-smart mineral.



#### FILL UP ON WHOLE GRAINS

They're a great source of fiber, which helps lower hypertensive blood pressure. Instead of white rice or bread, switch it up with more exciting heart-healthy whole grains like quinoa, millet, and farro to fill you up, and also help with weight loss.



#### **FOCUS ON FATS**

Replace saturated and trans fats with mono- and polyunsaturated fats. While most foods contain a combo of different types of fats, plant-based foods like avocados, olives, nuts, and seeds are great sources of the heart-healthiest fats.



#### **AVOID PROCESSED FOODS**

More than 70% of the sodium in our diets comes from processed and restaurant foods. To cut sodium — and unnecessary calories from added sugar eat minimally processed foods. For example, sautéed tomatoes with garlic, onion, and basil is a delicious heart-smart option to jarred sauce.



#### **EAT A VEGGIE RAINBOW**

Fill up on colorful, non-starchy veggies like tomatoes, bell peppers, and spinach. For very few calories and carbs, you get loads of fiber, vitamins, and potassium. Swap non-starchy veggies for high-calorie carbs (think zucchini "noodles" and jicama "fries") to help with weight loss, which can also help lower blood pressure.



#### **BE A BLENDISTA!**

Store-bought, salt-free herb and spice blends are good alternatives to the saltshaker — but you don't have to stop there. Blend your own favorite flavors into no-sodium sprinkles. Try smoked paprika and garlic powder, or oregano, mint, and parsley. Play around with different combos and savor the flavors you love!

# **EAT DITCH**THIS THAT

Traditional foods we frequently eat are often the unhealthiest for our heart, impacting blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol. Here's how to switch to easy, delicious, heart-healthy dishes!

#### **BREAKFAST**

The morning meals that we love to reach for can be loaded with refined carbs and salty, saturated fats. To start your day on the right foot, ditch the white flour foods and processed meats. Instead, look for ways to include veggies, fruit, whole grains, and protein.



#### V EATTHIS



#### **V** DITCH**THAT**



Omelet with spinach, tomato, and avocado with whole-grain toast

Bacon, egg, and cheese sandwich on a buttery biscuit



Banana oat pancakes: Blend a ripe banana with 1 egg and ¼ cup rolled oats. Cook over a medium flame and top with berries.

Pancakes and sausage



Melon slice topped with cottage cheese and a dusting of cinnamon

Cinnamon bagel and cream cheese

## EATTHIS | DITCHTHAT

#### LUNCH

Sandwiches are easy when you need to grab something fast. But if you put salty or sugary fillings between two slices of white bread, your midday meal could be harming your heart. Instead, base your lunch around veggies, fruit, no-sugar-added dairy, whole grains, and low- or no-salt toppings.



#### FAT**THIS**



#### **V** DITCH**THAT**



Low-sodium turkey breast with mashed avocado, lettuce, and tomato slices on thin-sliced whole-grain bread

Ham, cheese, and mayo on white buttered bread



**Bun-less turkey burger** over a large salad with olive oil, herbs, and a squeeze of lemon

Cheeseburger and fries with ranch dressing



Two unsalted brown rice cakes with no-salt almond butter, sliced strawberries, and a cup of plain **Greek yogurt sprinkled** with cinnamon

Peanut butter and jelly on white bread with a cup of strawberry yogurt

## EATTHIS | DITCHTHAT

#### **DINNER**

Standard supper fare that relies on frozen prepared foods, packaged sauces, and takeout can be super salty. Build a better dinner. Use fresh, naturally low-in-sodium ingredients like fish, chicken, and veggies (including convenient frozen ones!). Season with salt-free toppings like garlic, herbs, and lemon for fabulous flavor.



#### **V** EAT**THIS**



Frozen veggies and sliced chicken breast stir-fried with low-sodium broth served with ½ cup cooked quinoa

Chinese takeout chicken fried rice with soy sauce



Grilled salmon and asparagus seasoned with lemon, garlic, and herbs

Baked and breaded chicken breast casserole with frozen creamed spinach



Zucchini noodles (zoodles) with sautéed chopped tomatoes, garlic, and homemade Italian herb-and-turkey meatballs

Spaghetti with frozen meatballs and jarred tomato sauce

# 6 HEARTSMART SNACKHACKS

Salty, carb-loaded snacks can raise your blood pressure as well as weigh you down with extra pounds — a big factor for heart issues. Follow these tasty tips and tricks your heart will love to satisfy your between-meal munchies.



#### SEE HEALTHY, EAT HEALTHY

Research proves that people who keep a fruit bowl in plain view instead of candy and salty snacks tend to be at a heart-healthier weight. Load up on oranges, apples, and bananas, and keep grab bags of cut-up veggies like red bell peppers and carrots front and center in your fridge.



#### **PACK IN SOME PROTEIN**

Protein keeps you satisfied longer between meals than carb-only snacks. So, nix chips and pretzels and grab some unsalted almonds, a hard-boiled egg, hummus, unflavored yogurt with fruit, or a reduced-sodium string cheese — all snack-worthy foods that are great sources of protein.



#### **SNEAK IN MORE VEG**

Only 10% of U.S. adults get the daily recommended 2-3 servings of vegetables per day, and 12% percent the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 cups of fruit. Snacks are the perfect time for fitting in fiber-full produce. Pair a fruit or veggie with a serving of protein — plain yogurt with berries, a small apple with peanut butter, or cucumber sticks and hummus.



#### PREP SNACK PORTIONS

Snacking out of multi-serving bags or tubs makes it hard to know how much you're actually eating. The result? Mindless munching! Stick with no-salt-added snacks like raw almonds, plain popcorn, and unsalted tortilla chips. When you unpack your groceries, take the time to portion single servings into zip baggies.



#### STAY FOOD FOCUSED

Distracted eating leads to overeating and, as a result, weight gain. Avoid munching while multitasking. If possible, give yourself a short break to savor a healthy snack before getting back to your busy day.



#### BE A PRO ON THE GO

Packaged restaurant foods are the biggest contributors of sodium to our diet. Instead of winging what's available while out and about, plan and pack heart-heavenly snacks from home. Steamed edamame, unsalted nuts, packets of no-salt peanut butter, and portable fruit are all great options.

# YOURHAND-Y PORTIONGUIDE

Understanding *how much* as well as what you're eating is key to maintaining your weight for a healthy heart and body. The great news? We're born with a mobile measuring device. Using your hand is an easy way to measure what's on your plate, especially when eating out.



FIST
About 1 cup
Whole grains, non-starchy vegetables, whole fruits









PALM
About 3 oz.
Meat, fish,
poultry









About ½ cup
Starchy vegetables, beans

**CUPPED PALM** 







WHOLE THUMB

About 2 oz.

Hard cheeses and nut butters







About 1 tsp
Dressings, oils, and mayonnaise



# YOUR5-DAY HEART-SMART MEALPLAN

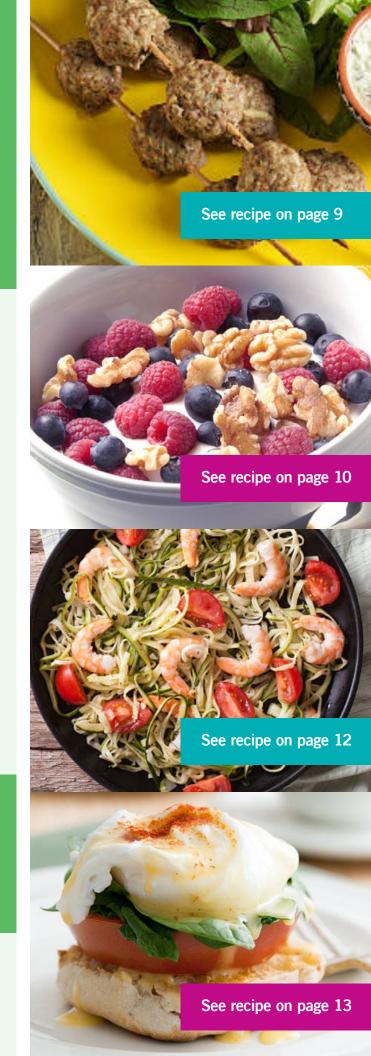
Eating better doesn't mean you have to dwell on dietary "don'ts." Focus on what you have to look forward to! Wholesome food can give you more energy, more confidence, and more freedom to live your life. Follow our 5-Day Heart-Smart Meal Plan to make healthy choices easy, so all you have to focus on is flavorful, satisfying food.

Each meal is portioned with the Balanced Plate in mind (see page 17). Breakfast and lunch recipes are each 1 serving, and dinner recipes are 4 servings — but you can adjust serving sizes based on your needs and the size of your family.

We think you'll find these recipes delicious and satisfying as well as healthy, and you'll enjoy eating heart smart!



We've made it even easier with our cutout list for buying everything you need to succeed!





½ cup old-fashioned rolled oats

14 cup slivered almonds

½ cup blueberries

% tsp of cinnamon

Prepare oatmeal and top with almonds, blueberries, and cinnamon.

NutritionCaloriesFatSodiumCarbohydratesFiberProteinper serving:33714.3g115mg43g10g12g

#### MASON JAR SALAD Makes 1 Serving

Day 1 Lunch



#### Salad:

¼ cup each: fresh spinach, chopped beets, shredded carrots, and reduced-sodium garbanzo beans (drained and rinsed)

#### **Dressing:**

% cup each: extra-virgin olive oil and apple cider vinegar

1 tsp Dijon mustard

14 tsp each: honey, salt, and pepper

Combine dressing ingredients. Mix well. Layer jar starting with dressing, then garbanzo beans, beets, carrots, and spinach (keeping greens on top will keep them crisp). To serve: Empty contents into a bowl or shake and eat right from the jar.

Nutrition per serving:

Calories **243** 

Fat **14.8**g Sodium **325mg** 

Carbohydrates **20g** 

Fiber **5g**  Protein **5g** 

GREEK BEEF KABOBS WITH TZATZIKI SAUCE & VEGETABLES Makes 4 Servings

Day 1 Dinner



#### Kabobs:

1 lb extra-lean ground beef

1/2 yellow onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

1 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

½ tsp each: oregano, cumin, rosemary, salt, and pepper

12 (6-inch) skewers

4 cups mixed veggies (broccoli, peas, etc.)

Nutrition Calories per serving: 226

#### Sauce:

1 cup plain Greek yogurt

½ medium cucumber (peeled, cut into large chunks)

1 Tbsp chopped, fresh mint

1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice

Fat

9.5g

#### Prep the tzatziki sauce in advance:

With a blender or food processor, blend sauce ingredients until smooth. Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 hours.

#### Prep kabobs:

Mix beef, chopped onions, garlic, and spices. Divide meat mixture into 12 oblong-shaped patties on 6-inch skewers. Grill until the beef is no longer pink. Steam vegetables for 3 minutes and toss with olive oil, ½ tsp salt and pepper to taste. Serve 3 skewers each, with tzatziki dipping sauce and a cup of veggies.

Sodium Carbohydrates Fiber Protein 329mg 6g 2g 30g



6 oz nonfat plain Greek yogurt

1 cup berries

1 tsp chia seeds OR 1/4 cup walnuts

1/4 tsp cinnamon

Top yogurt with berries, chia seeds or walnuts, and cinnamon.

NutritionCaloriesFatSodiumCarbohydratesFiberProteinper serving:28410g65mg35g13g22g

#### **COLORFUL BEAN & VEGGIE AVOCADO PITA** Makes 1 Serving

Day 2 Lunch



#### Pita:

½ cup shredded cabbage

14 cup shredded carrots

3 grape tomatoes, quartered

1/4 ripe avocado

15 oz can reduced-sodium white beans (drained and rinsed)

1 whole-wheat pita bread

#### **Dressing:**

1 Tbsp vinegar (red wine, white, or apple cider)

1 tsp extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 tsp honey

1/4 tsp pepper

Combine dressing ingredients.
Mix well. Add cabbage, carrots, and tomatoes to the dressing.
Toss gently. In a separate bowl, combine the white beans and avocado. Mash with a fork and mix until blended. Spread 2 Tbsp of bean mixture on each pita.
Place 2 Tbsp of the veggie mix on top of the bean/avocado mixture.

NutritionCaloriesFatSodiumCarbohydratesFiberProteinper serving:38611g471mg66g17g12g

#### **SLOW COOKER SOUTHWEST CHICKEN TACOS** *Makes 4 Servings*

Day 2 Dinner



1 lb chicken breasts

14.5 oz can no-salt-added diced tomatoes

1-3 oz canned green chilies

1 cup low-sodium chicken broth

1½ cups each: shredded lettuce

2 Roma tomatoes, chopped

4 whole-grain tortillas (6-inch)

2 tsp chili powder

1 tsp each: cumin, paprika, and black pepper

14 tsp oregano

Mix together chili powder, cumin, paprika, pepper, and oregano.

Place chicken in slow cooker and sprinkle with seasoning mixture.

Add tomatoes, chilies, and chicken broth.

Cover and cook on low for 8-10 hours, or on high for 3-4 hours. Shred chicken with fork.

Serve on tortillas, topped with shredded lettuce and chopped tomatoes.

NutritionCaloriesFatSodiumCarbohydratesFiberProteinper serving:33015g596mg30g8g40g

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2 eggs, beaten % cup chopped onions and tomatoes

½ cup broccoli¼ cup mozzarella cheese

¼ tsp salt

14 tsp pepper

1 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

1 cup melon

Beat eggs, salt, and pepper. Heat olive oil in skillet over medium heat. Add broccoli, onions, and tomatoes and cook until softened. Add eggs. As eggs begin to set, gently pull the eggs across the pan with a spatula, forming large, soft curds. Add mozzarella cheese. Continue cooking — pulling, lifting, and folding eggs — until thickened, cheese is melted and no visible liquid egg remains. Serve with a cup of melon.

Nutrition per serving:

Calories **397**  Fat **25g** 

Sodium **213mg** 

Carbohydrates **27.7g** 

Fiber **5.4g** 

Protein **17**g

#### TEX-MEX SALAD WITH FRESH SALSA Makes 1 Serving

Day 3 Lunch



1/4 lime (juiced)

1 tsp fresh cilantro

1/4 tsp chili powder

1 tsp extra-virgin olive oil

½ cup frozen corn kernels, defrosted

2 cups mixed salad greens

¼ cup fresh salsa (low sodium)

½ cup canned reduced-sodium black beans (drained and rinsed)

⅓ medium avocado, diced Add lime juice, cilantro, and chili powder to olive oil and whisk together.

Toss mixture with corn kernels.

Top mixed greens with salsa, beans, corn mixture, and avocado.

Enjoy!

Nutrition per serving:

Calories **326** 

Fat **13.4g** 

Sodium **217mg** 

Carbohydrates **50.3**g

Fiber **10.77g** 

Protein **12.3g** 

#### BRAZILIAN SALMON WITH QUINOA AND ZUCCHINI Makes 4 Servings

Day 3 Dinner



4 (4 oz) salmon fillets

2 large zucchini (sliced into ¼-inch rounds)

2 cups prepared quinoa

Aluminum foil

Brazilian vinaigrette:

1 onion, chopped

4 Roma tomatoes, chopped

¼ cup chopped parsley

¼ cup white wine vinegar

½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

14 tsp salt and pepper

Fat

19g

Combine vinaigrette ingredients. Preheat oven to 350° F and cut foil into 4 large squares. Prepare quinoa per package instructions. Place 4 oz of salmon, zucchini, and 1-2 Tbsp of the vinaigrette in center of each piece of the foil and close foil tightly. Bake at 350° F until cooked through, about 15-20 minutes. One serving is 4 oz of salmon, ½ cup quinoa, and 1 cup vegetables.

Nutrition per serving:

Calories 381

Sodium 339mg

Carbohydrates 29.5g

Fiber **5g**  Protein **22**g

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½ cup old-fashioned rolled oats

½ Tbsp chia seeds

½ cup unsweetened almond milk

14 cup plain Greek yogurt

¼ cup fresh blueberries

Stevia and cinnamon (to taste)

1 (½ pint) jar or bowl (reuse your Mason jar from Day 1)

Place the oats, chia seeds, milk, yogurt, and stevia (to taste) in a large bowl.

Stir together until combined and add to iar or bowl.

Cover and store in the fridge overnight.

In the morning, stir in ¼ cup blueberries and add a sprinkle of cinnamon for taste.

Nutrition	Calories	Fat	Sodium	Carbohydrates	Fiber	Protein
per serving:	236	6g	114mg	40g	7g	<b>7</b> g

#### STUFFED HUMMUS & VEGGIE PITA POCKETS WITH APPLES Makes 1 Serving

Day 4 Lunch



Hummus (10 oz store-bought)

½ cup romaine lettuce

1½ cups chopped veggies of your choice (cucumber, bell pepper, tomato, onion)

1 whole-wheat pita bread

1 cup cubed apples

1/4 tsp cinnamon

Cut pita bread, spread with hummus, and fill with veggies.

In a side dish, serve apples with a pinch of cinnamon.

Nutrition per serving: Calories 354

Fat 5.5g Sodium 362mg Carbohydrates 67g

Fiber 11g

Protein 12g

#### **SPICY LEMON GARLIC SHRIMP ZOODLES** Makes 4 Servings

Day 4 Dinner



16 oz shrimp, peeled

1 cup grape tomatoes

1 lemon (juiced)

4 medium zucchinis, spiralized, or 2 (12 oz) packages

8 cloves of garlic, sliced thin and divided

½ tsp red pepper flakes

1 tsp salt and fresh black pepper

2 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

Heat 4 tsp oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add red pepper, ½ of the garlic, shrimp, salt, and pepper. Cook 2-3 minutes.

Cook until shrimp is opaque. Set aside.

Add remaining oil and garlic, cook 30 seconds. Add zucchini noodles and cook 1½ minutes.

Toss in shrimp and tomatoes and a squeeze of lemon. Remove from heat and serve.

Nutrition Calories Fat Sodium Carbohydrates Fiber Protein per serving: 235.5 14g 179mg 14.5g 4g 25g



1 multigrain English muffin

1 egg

1 cup spinach

2 tomato slices

2 red onion slices

Salt and pepper to taste

Toast the English muffin.

Spray pan with cooking spray. Cook egg as desired. Remove from pan and set aside.

Spritz pan with cooking spray. Add spinach and onion, sauté for 2 minutes.

Layer muffin with spinach, tomato, and onion; top with egg and a sprinkle of salt and pepper.

Nutrition	Calories	Fat	Sodium	Carbohydrates	Fiber	Protein
per serving:	286	11g	175mg	36g	8g	13g

#### **MEDITERRANEAN TUNA SALAD** Makes 1 Serving

Day 5 Lunch



10 oz can water-packed albacore tuna (drained)

2 cups packed baby spinach, chopped

¼ cup each: chopped tomatoes and chopped red onion

1 Tbsp crumbled Feta cheese

Lettuce, any variety

**Dressing:** 

½ Tbsp apple cider vinegar

14 Tbsp lemon juice

½ Tbsp extra-virgin

olive oil

14 tsp dried oregano

Whisk together dressing ingredients.

Combine tuna, spinach, tomatoes, onion, and Feta.

Toss dressing and tuna mixture and serve on a bed of lettuce.

NutritionCaloriesFatSodiumCarbohydratesFiberProteinper serving:2269.5g392mg6g2g30g

#### **BALSAMIC GLAZED CHICKEN** Makes 4 Servings

Day 5 Dinner



1 lb. chicken breasts

2 roma tomatoes, sliced

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

4 cups mixed greens

3 Tbsp fresh basil, sliced thin

1 tsp salt

14 tsp pepper

½ cup balsamic vinegar

1 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Pound chicken breasts thin and trim fat. Add 1 Tbsp of olive oil to skillet and heat over medium-high heat. Season chicken with salt and pepper on both sides and cook 4-6 minutes per side. When chicken is cooked through, drizzle with balsamic vinegar and top with mozzarella and tomato. Turn off heat, put on lid, and let cheese melt for a minute or two. Top with basil and serve with mixed greens. Enjoy!

NutritionCaloriesFatSodiumCarbohydratesFiberProteinper serving:49724g443mg28g9g40g

## **SHOPPING LIST**

□ Blueberries, 1 pint	☐ Lemon/lime, 2-3
☐ Berries (of choice), 1 pint	□ Avocado, 1
□ Carrots, 3	$\ \square$ Cabbage (any color), 1 lb
☐ Yellow onion, 2 (medium)	$\ \square$ Tomatoes, grape, 1 pint
$\square$ Red onion, 1	☐ Tomatoes, 8 (Roma)
☐ Garlic, 2 heads	☐ Cilantro, fresh, ½ bunch
☐ Mixed veggies of choice, 2 (10 oz) packages	☐ Parsley, fresh, ½ bunch

☐ Broccoli, 1 head

**PRODUCE** 

- ☐ Fresh spinach, 1 (10 oz) package
- ☐ Lettuce of choice, 2 (10 oz) packages

☐ Mixed salad greens, 2 (10 oz) packages

- ☐ Cucumber, 1 (medium)
- ☐ Mint, fresh, ½ bunch

**MEAT & SEAFOOD** 

#### **DAIRY & EGGS**

 $\Box$  Eggs, 3

☐ Apple, 1-2

- □ Extra-lean ground beef, 1 lb
- ☐ Chicken breasts, 2 lbs
- ☐ Salmon fillets, 4 (4 oz)
- □ Shrimp, 1 lb

☐ Greek yogurt, 16 oz

☐ Basil, fresh, ½ bunch

☐ Zucchini, 6 medium

☐ Melon (of choice), 1 small

☐ Corn, frozen, (10 oz) package

- ☐ Mozzarella cheese, 2 cups
- □ Almond milk, 1 pint
- ☐ Crumbled Feta cheese, ¼ cup

#### Canned & Packaged, Condiments, Spices, Miscellaneous

## **SHOPPING LIST**

<b>CANNED</b>	&	<b>PACKAGED</b>
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☐ Garbanzo beans, 1 (15 oz) ☐ Green chilies, ☐ Walnuts, ½ cup (optional) reduced-sodium canned 1 (3 oz) canned ☐ Slivered almonds, ¼ cup  $\square$  Beets, 1 (15 oz) canned, □ Tuna, 1 (10 oz) canned or frozen, fresh water-packed albacore ☐ Chia seeds, ¼ cup  $\square$  White beans, 1 (15 oz) ☐ Chicken broth, Salsa, low salt (8 oz) reduced-sodium canned 1 (8 oz) low-sodium can ☐ Hummus (10 oz)  $\square$  Black beans, 1 (15 oz) □ Quinoa, 2 cups reduced-sodium canned □ Oats. ☐ Tortillas, whole grain, 1 cup old-fashioned rolled 8 (6 inch)  $\square$  Tomatoes, 1 (14.5 oz) canned, diced ☐ English muffin, (no salt added) ☐ Pita bread, whole wheat, multigrain, 1 4 (8 inch)

#### **CONDIMENTS**

- □ Extra-virgin olive oil
   □ Vinegar, apple cider
   □ Vinegar, white
   □ Balsamic vinegar
   □ Dijon mustard
- □ Stevia

☐ Honey

#### **SPICES**

- □ Oregano
- ☐ Cumin, ground
- ☐ Rosemary, dried
- ☐ Chili powder
- □ Paprika
- $\hfill\square$  Red pepper flakes
- ☐ Cinnamon
- □ Salt
- □ Pepper

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- ☐ Skewers, 12 (6-inch)
- $\ \square$  Aluminum foil
- ☐ Mason jars, 2 (½ pint)

# FATS

Dietary fats are essential for a healthy heart, brain, and body. They help your body absorb vitamins and minerals, give structure to your cells, help blood to clot, and keep organs like the heart and brain healthy. But not all fats are created equal.

Choosing the fats that are best for your heart is not clear-cut. Research is still evolving and the jury remains out on just how good or how bad different fats are for us. What many experts do agree on: The less processed and higher quality, the better when it comes to food — and fats are no exception.

#### **FAVOR THESE FATS**



**AVOCADO** 



**NUT BUTTER** peanut, almond, etc.



**CANOLA OIL** 



**OLIVE OIL** 



FISH especially fatty fishes like salmon and mackerel



**OLIVES** 



GRASS-FED OR LEAN CUTS OF MEATS



**SEEDS** sesame, pumpkin, sunflower, hemp, chia, flax



**NUTS** walnuts, almonds, peanuts, cashews, etc.



**SEED BUTTER** tahini, sunflower

Talk with a Livongo coach about which fat-containing foods are best for your heart-healthy diet, and in the meantime, use this list for guidance.

# PICTURE-PERFECTPLATEPORTIONS

A balanced plate has 50% non-starchy vegetables, 25% protein, 25% complex carbohydrates, and 1-2 tablespoons of healthy fats (see pg. 16). This guide will help you picture a healthy plate.

#### **NON-STARCHY VEGGIES**

Contain powerful nutrients that reduce inflammation, lower blood pressure and cholesterol, and prevent heart attack and stroke.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Spinach, kale, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, asparagus

#### **COMPLEX CARBS**

Contain nutrients and fiber, which help improve cholesterol levels and lower the risk of heart disease and stroke.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Whole-grain bread, brown rice, oats, quinoa, squash, sweet potatoes, turnips, beets



#### **HEALTHY FATS**

Lower bad cholesterol (LDL), increase good cholesterol (HDL), improve brain function, and keep you feeling satisfied.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Nuts, nut butters, seeds, olives, avocados, olive oil

#### **PROTEIN**

Helps maintain and lose weight, balance blood sugar levels, boost energy levels, and support strong muscles and bones.

#### **EXAMPLES:**

Lean red meat, poultry, seafood, tofu, tempeh



#### WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR SUCCESS!

If you have any questions about how to eat healthy and delicious food, we're here to help. Reach out anytime to schedule a free session with one of our coaches. Other questions? Our Member Support team is always available to help. You can reach them at **(800) 945-4355**.

