

Keeping up with Wellness at Home

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Healthy Ways to Stay Connected

Date Night

Being in close quarters with your significant other does not always mean staying connected. Improve quality time and your health with dinner and a yoga session. Next Saturday night, swap a movie for partner yoga and the pasta for "zoodles" for a new healthy spin on date night!

<u>Pro Tip</u>: Save time with prepared zucchini noodles. You can find them from many brands in the produce and freezer section of your grocery store.

Exercise: Partner Yoga

Meal: Puttanesca Zucchini Noodles "Zoodles"

Family Times

Keeping your whole family fit and healthy while also enjoying some quality time together can be challenging. Get the family moving with fitness card and dice games or a Simon Says workout. Once you worked up an appetite, gather the kids in the kitchen to make a no added sugar smoothie and oatmeal raisin cookie "goodie"!

Exercise: Fitness Card and Dice Games

Meal: Banana PB&J Smoothie and Oatmeal Raisin Goodie

Friendship Bonding

Reconnect with friends while you sweat with the alphabet name workout challenge. Alternatively, pick a few friends to go on a morning walk with three times each week, virtually of course! Afterwards, challenge your friends to a high fiber brunch. Find a way to include a high fiber food such as quinoa, beans, lentils and vegetables into a brunch dish and enjoy via video. Impress your friends with kale at brunch with this Shakshuka recipe.

Exercise: Alphabet Name Challenge

Meal: Shakshuka



Banana PB&J Smoothie

¼ cup rolled oats

2 TBSP almond butter

½ tsp chia seeds

½ cup plain yogurt

1 banana

½ cup milk

1 cup strawberries, frozen

Combine all ingredients in a blender with ½ cup ice cubes and blend until smooth.



Oatmeal Raisin Goodie

1 ½ cups rolled or quick oats 2 medium ripe bananas ½ cup raisins

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 °F and coat baking sheet with cooking spray.
- Using the back of a fork, mash bananas in a medium bowl.
 Add in oats and stir until mixed together. Stir in raisins.
- 3. Scoop one heaping tablespoon to form a cookie and place on baking sheet. This will make about 12 cookies.
- 4. Cook for 12-15 minutes or until lightly golden.