### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS



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Healthy Habits: Enhancing Immunity

- The immune system is the body's way of protecting itself from infection and disease, including chronic diseases.
- Your immune system fights everything from cold and flu viruses to serious conditions such as cancer.
- A healthy lifestyle offers many benefits including enhancing your immunity. See six tips below.

A healthy lifestyle offers many benefits, including helping to prevent heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and other <u>chronic diseases</u>. Another important benefit is that healthy routines enhance your immunity.

Your immune system fights everything from cold and flu viruses to serious conditions such as cancer. Immune systems are complex and influenced by many factors.

Vaccines, such as the <u>flu vaccine</u>, build <u>immunity</u> against specific diseases. You can also strengthen your immune system by eating well, being physically active, and maintaining a healthy weight. In addition, get enough sleep, don't smoke, and avoid excessive alcohol use.

Taking care of yourself will help your immune system take care of you. See six tips below.

- 1. Eat well. Eating well means <u>emphasizing</u> plenty of fruits and vegetables, lean protein, whole grains, and fat—free or low—fat milk and milk products. Eating well also means limiting saturated fats, salt, and added sugars. Eating well provides multiple nutrients that support optimal immune function. However, too much of some vitamins and minerals can be harmful. Talk to your health care provider if you think you need nutritional supplements.
- 2. Be physically active Regular physical activity helps you feel better, sleep better, and reduce anxiety. Combined with eating well, physical activity can help a person maintain a healthy weight. Following the <a href="https://physical.gov/physical.go
- 3. Maintain a healthy weight. Obesity, defined as a <u>body mass index (BMI)</u> of 30 or more in adults, is linked to impaired immune functions. Safe ways to help maintain a <u>healthy weight</u> include reducing stress, eating healthy foods, staying within your daily calorie needs, getting enough sleep, and engaging in regular physical activity. Obesity may also lower vaccine effectiveness for numerous diseases, including influenza, hepatitis and tetanus. If you have are concerned about your health, consult with your health care provider.
- 4. Get enough sleep. Scientific evidence is building that sleep loss can negatively affect different parts of the immune system. This can lead to the development of a wide variety of disorders.
- 5. Quit smoking. Smoking can make the body less successful at fighting disease. Smoking <u>increases the risk</u> for immune system problems, including <u>rheumatoid arthritis</u>.
- 6. Avoid too much alcohol Over time, excessive alcohol use can weaken the immune system.

Take care of yourself Immunity is your body's defense against foreign organisms. Taking care of yourself

https://www.cdc.gov/healthy-weight-growth/about/enhancing

# **Eggplant and Chickpea Stew**





#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Heat 2 teaspoons olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat.
- 2. Add diced onions and garlic, and cook until onions are soft.
- 3. Stir in the eggplant, chickpeas, cumin, cinnamon, coriander, tomatoes, salt, and pepper. Increase heat to high, and bring to a boil.
- 4. Reduce heat to low, and cover the pot. Cook the stew for 45 minutes to 1 hour or until eggplant is very tender.
- 5. Meanwhile, heat remaining 2 teaspoons olive oil and add onion slices. Fry until golden, and remove from heat.
- 6. When stew is finished, place in serving bowls and top with fried onions and cilantro.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

4 tsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil (divided)

2 med yellow onion (1 diced and 1 sliced)

3 cloves garlic (minced)

1 lbs. eggplant (cubed)

2 cups chickpeas (garbanzo beans) (no-salt-added)

1 tsp cumin

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1 tsp ground coriander

28 oz canned tomatoes (no-salt added, diced or

chopped)

1/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp black pepper



# **Nutrition Facts 4 Servings**

- Serving Size 1 ½ cups
- Amount per serving Calories 270
- Total Fat 7g
- Saturated Fat 0.5g
- Cholesterol 0mg
- Sodium 190mg
- Total Carbohydrate 43g
- Dietary Fiber 14g
- Total Sugars 13g
- Protein 10g
- Potassium 1016mg



https://diabetesfoodhub.org/recipes/eggplant-and-chickpea-stew

ROTA Benefit Issuance Schedule		Benefit Issuance Schedule (8:00AM-3:00PM) After Issuance Schedule (8:00AM-1:30PM)			
Rota Distribution Time is from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. Closed on Weekends and Holidays.		NAP coupons will be issued through a walk-in at the JTV Building in As Lito based on the set schedule below:  Subject to change in case of Emergency			
FEB 28, 2025 FRIDAY	Elderly, Special	MARCH 2025			
FRIDAY	Needs Clients/ A-L	MAR. 03, 2025	MON	Case Record ID ending with '1& 2'	
FEB 28, 2025	M-Z	MAR. 04, 2025	TUE	Case Record ID ending with '3 & 4'	
FRIDAY		MAR. 05, 2025	WED	Case Record ID ending with '5 & 6'	
FEB 28, 2025 FRIDAY	OPEN DAY	MAR. 06, 2025	THU	Case Record ID ending with '7 & 8'	
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MAR 31, 2025 MONDAY	Elderly, Special Needs Clients/ A-L	MAR. 10, 2025	MON	OPEN DAY	
MAR 31, 2025	M-Z	APRIL 2025			
MONDAY	IVI-Z	APRIL 01, 2025	TUE	Case Record ID ending with '9 & 0'	
MAR 31, 2025	OPEN DAY	APRIL 02, 2025	WED	Case Record ID ending with '1 & 2'	
MONDAY	OFEN DAT	APRIL 03, 2025	THU	Case Record ID ending with '3 & 4'	
		APRIL 04, 2025	FRI	Case Record ID ending with '5 & 6'	
	NIAN	APRIL 07, 2025	MON	Case Record ID ending with '7 & 8'	
Benefit Issu	ance Schedule	APRIL 08, 2025	TUE	OPEN DAY	
Tinian Distribution Time is from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. Closed on Weekends and Holidays.		ORIENTATION ANNOUNCEMENT  NAP Office does not require an applicant to attend the Mass			
FEB 28, 2025 FRIDAY	Elderly, Special Needs Clients	Orientation, instead NAP has an Orientation in paper version, where you can obtain a copy from the NAP Office or in the NAP Website: <a href="http://www.cnminap.gov.mp">http://www.cnminap.gov.mp</a> Make sure to read all the contents and acknowledge the last page to ensure you understood the Orientation Paper.			
FEB 28, 2025 FRIDAY	A-L				
FEB 28, 2025 FRIDAY	M-Z	IMPORTANT REMINDER			
MAR 31, 2025 MONDAY	Elderly, Special Needs Clients	NAP would like to remind all NAP clients to renew as early as the first week of each month to avoid delays of issuance of benefit for the following month. If the NAPLD expires at			
MAR 31, 2025 MONDAY	A-L	of benefit for the following month. If the NAP I.D. expires at the end of the month, that means your renewal should be done on the same month except on the first week. Application			
MAR 31, 2025 MONDAY	M-Z	package can be picked up at the Certification Unit or down- loaded online at www.cnminap.gov.mp			

#### NEW INCOME AND BENEFIT LEVELS BEGINNING JANUARY 2025

	В	enefit Leve	ls				
Jar	January 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025						
FY 2025	Max Allotment						
нн	Salpan	Tinian	Rota	Northern			
1	\$431	\$456	\$524	\$524			
2	\$790	\$836	\$961	\$961			
3	\$1,132	\$1,198	\$1,377	\$1,377			
4	\$1,437	\$1,520	\$1,747	\$1,747			
5	\$1,707	\$1,806	\$2,076	\$2,076			
6	\$2,049	\$2,168	\$2,492	\$2,492			
7	\$2,264	\$2,396	\$2,753	\$2,753			
8	\$2,588	\$2,738	\$3,147	\$3,147			
9	\$2,912	\$3,081	\$3,541	\$3,541			
10	\$3,236	\$3,424	\$3,935	\$3,935			
11	\$3,560	\$3,767	\$4,329	\$4,329			
12	\$3,884	\$4,110	\$4,723	\$4,723			
13	\$4,208	\$4,452	\$5,117	\$5,117			
14	\$4,532	\$4,795	\$5,511	\$5,511			
15	\$4,856	\$5,138	\$5,905	\$5,905			
16	\$5,180	\$5,481	\$6,299	\$6,299			
17	\$5,504	\$5,824	\$6,693	\$6,693			
18	\$5,828	\$6,167	\$7,087	\$7,087			
19	\$6,152	\$6,509	\$7,481	\$7,481			
20	\$6,476	\$6,852	\$7,875	\$7,875			
21	\$6,800	\$7,195	\$8,269	\$8,269			
22	\$7,124	\$7,538	\$8,663	\$8,663			

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21	\$6,800	\$7,195	\$8,269	\$8,269	
22	\$7,124	\$7,538	\$8,663	\$8,663	
Certification Unit			(670) 237-2801-6 (670) 237-2870-4 (670) 664-2851		
Administration  Website: www.cnminap.gov.mp  Email: sup- port@cnminap.gov.mp			(670) 237-2800 (670) 664-2850		
Accounting			(670) 237-2851-3		
Benefit Issuance & Claims Account-ability CASHIER			(670) 237-2813-15 (670) 237-2860- 62/2864 (670) 237-2863		
Retail & Redemption Unit			(670) 237-2821-3		
Management Evaluation Unit			(670) 237-2831-7 (670) 483-2021 (670) 483-2020		
Tinian Office			(670) 433-9330		
Rota Office			(670) 532-4627		

	Income Levels				
Janua	January 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025				
FY 2025	Max Gross Income				
НН	Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Northern				
1	\$1,632				
2	\$2,215				
3	\$2,798				
4	\$3,380				
5	\$3,963				
6	\$4,546				
7	\$5,129				
8	\$5,712				
9	\$6,295				
10	\$6,878				
11	\$7,461				
12	\$8,044				
13	\$8,627				
14	\$9,210				
15	\$9,793				
16	\$10,376				
17	\$10,959				
18	\$11,542				
19	\$12,125				
20	\$12,708				
21	\$13,291				
22	\$13,874				

# You can utilize your NAP coupons at the following Authorized Retailers

- 1. ANGEL MARKET
- 2. OHAS CAFÉ/BAKERY
- 3. **NEW SAN ANTONIO MARKET**
- 4. EDDIE'S FISH MART & SNACK **BAR**
- 5. **BEN KI**
- 6. **NEW L & Q MARKET**

## TO ALL NAP RECIPIENTS OR REPRE-SENTATIVES, PLEASE ENSURE THAT ON EACH COUPON YOU MUST PRINT THE FOLLOWING CLEARLY:

- 1. Entire 10-digit Food Stamp I.D. Card Number
- 2. Valid Photo I.D. Number
- 3. Print Complete Name
- 4. (No Initial Name)
- 5. Signature