DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS



Keep Your Health Goals on Track for the Holidays

The holidays can feel tricky when you're living with diabetes. To-do lists are longer. Stress levels are higher. And traditional meals aren't the easiest on blood glucose (blood sugar). These expert-backed tips will help you celebrate the season without losing sight of your health goals.

1. Embrace Balance

It's easy to take on an all-or-nothing mindset with food, especially when the holidays roll around: You swear off treats completely. But if you make a misstep? Well, then you might as well just forget your whole healthy-eating plan altogether. But, as with life, eating patterns aren't so black and white.

"You don't have to give up your favorite foods completely to be healthy," says Angela Goscilo, MS, RD, a registered dietitian and senior manager of nutrition at WeightWatchers. Instead of depriving yourself, Goscilo says to just be strategic about them.

- Make smart swaps. Mashed potatoes are the star of Thanksgiving sides, but they can run higher in carbs. Try making them with equal parts cauliflower and potatoes for a lower-carb, higher-fiber version.
- Start with non-starchy veggies. You're at the office party and dinner is pizza—not the best for your glucose. Get some salad greens first—the fiber will help fill you up and may help blunt your blood sugar response from the cheesy, doughy main course.

2. Make Room for "Me" Time

After the past few years of isolation, having a packed social calendar can feel like a breath of fresh air just make sure you squeeze in time for you. "Like

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diet and exercise, self-care and sleep are key for managing diabetes," says Barbra Sassower, MPH, RD, a registered dietitian and certified diabetes care and education specialist (CDCES) at WeightWatchers. People living with diabetes who get less than seven hours of sleep are more likely to experience insulin resistance, and being stressed-out can raise blood glucose.

3. Find Others Who Get It

Research shows that being part of a diabetes support group—in-person or online—can improve A1C numbers, mental health, and motivation to stick with healthy behaviors. And that could all really come in handy during a time of year with lots of distractions. On Connect, WeightWatchers' in-app social media platform, there's a Living with Diabetes group that's "a great place to find support and get actionable tips and advice," says Sassower. "Most of my patients light up when I tell them about it. Knowing that there are others successfully achieving their goals is such a relief to them."



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Veggie and Chicken Pasta Salad



DIRECTIONS

- 1. Cook the pasta according to the package directions. Drain.
- 2. In a large bowl, mix together the pasta, red bell pepper, cucumber, broccoli, carrots, and chicken.
- 3. In a small bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients. Pour the dressing over the pasta, vegetables, and chicken and mix well. Serve.

The key to including pasta in your meal plan without going overboard on carbohydrate is to keep the portion size small and serve it with lots of veggies and some protein.

This is a quick dinner the whole family can enjoy any time of year. Try it with a bean-based pasta like lentil or chickpea pasta for added protein and fiber.

INGREDIENTS

Uncooked Whole-Wheat Elbow Pasta 1 cup

Diced Red Bell Pepper 1/2 cup

Diced Cucumber 1/2 cup

Small Broccoli Florets 1/2 cup

Large Carrot 1

Diced Cooked Chicken Breast 1 cup

Light Mayonnaise 1/4 cup

Red Wine Vinegar 1 tbsp

Dried Oregano 1/8 tsp

Freshly Ground Black Pepper 1/8 tsp

NUTRITION FACTS

4 Servings

Serving Size: 1 cup Calories: 200

- ♦ Total Fat 5g
- Saturated Fat 0.7g
- ◆ Trans Fat 0g
- Cholesterol 30mg
- Sodium 160mg
- Total Carbohydrate 24g
- Dietary Fiber 3g
- Total Sugars 3g
- Protein 15g
- ♦ Potassium 280mg
- Phosphorus 165mg

https://www.diabetesfoodhub.org/recipes/veggie-and-chicken-pasta-salad.html?home-category_id=27

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