

Keeping you connected to important health updates, upcoming classes and helpful resources





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Nearly 9 million Californians have received at least one dose of the vaccine – about 27% of the over-16 population – a meaningful and promising leap toward widespread immunity. Many of you may be asking, "Now that I've been vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, can I go about my life as usual?"

According to recent CDC guidance, fully vaccinated people (if it has been at least 2 weeks since your final dose) can:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Visit indoors with unvaccinated members of a household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 illness without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic

Fully vaccinated individuals can still be exposed to the virus and spread it to others. Additionally, it is possible that current vaccines won't fully protect against new variants of the virus. For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing
- Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures if visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households, especially those at an increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease
- Avoid medium and large in-person gatherings Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

The status of the pandemic continues to evolve. To stay up-to-date, please visit:

- CDC Vaccine Recommendations
- Covid19.ca.gov
- CDC Covid Risk



No more nutrition superstition – know your facts!

Good nutrition is an important part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Knowing how to properly read nutrition labels will also help you learn which foods to avoid or eat in moderation to promote better health. See changes to Nutrition Labels here

Finding your food a bit bland?

Try adding some low-sodium spices to enhance the flavor of food. Get ideas how to Spice Up Your Life here

Preventing Pre-Diabetes

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tasty snack idea to give you energy while eating healthy.

eat healthy snacks that contain no more than 30 grams of carbohydrates.

Blueberries & Almonds (Makes 1 serving)

Wash berries and measure 1/4 cup

or count out 23 almonds.

(about 23 nuts) • 1 cup blueberries

Ingredients

• ¼ cup unsalted almonds

Preparation

Fat: 14.5 g Sodium: 0 mg

Nutrition Facts/Per Serving

Calories: 249

Protein: 7.1 g

Carbohydrates: 27 g

Potassium: 352 mg Good for those with: diabetes, hypertension, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, gout, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, hyperlipidemia, weight management, depression and stress. As a general guideline, try to

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