



MHealthy CVC Nutrition Guidelines

It's now easier to choose foods that support heart health. Use this citrus circle to help you make more informed food choices. The more slices filled, the more nutrient dense* the food!

Less nutrient dense ← → More nutrient dense					
Category					
Bars (per serving) Criteria • First 2 ingredients are nuts, nut butters, whole fruits, seeds, egg white or whole grains • No added supplements, vitamins, or minerals • 10% calories or less added sugar • 6% calories or less saturated fat	0 criteria met	1 criteria met	2 criteria met	3 criteria met	4 criteria met
Bread Products (per serving- sliced bread, buns, croissants, bagels, tortillas, pancakes) Criteria • 6% calories or less saturated fat • 3 g or more fiber • 10% calories or less added sugar • First ingredient is whole grain • 300 mg or less sodium	0-1 criteria met	2 criteria met	3 criteria met	4 criteria met	5 criteria met

*Nutrient dense means: **More:** fruits, vegetables, healthy fats, whole grains and fiber • **Less:** saturated fats, added sugars and sodium

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Cereals (per serving) Criteria • 10% calories or less added sugar • 6% calories or less saturated fat • First ingredient is whole fruit, whole grain, nut, OR seed • 3 g or more fiber • 300 mg or less sodium	0-1 criteria met	2 criteria met	3 criteria met	4 criteria met	5 criteria met
Desserts/Baked Goods (per serving) Criteria • 6% calories or less saturated fat • 3 g or more fiber • 10% calories or less added sugar • First ingredient is whole grain, whole fruit, vegetable, nut or seed • 300 mg or less sodium	0-1 criteria met	2 criteria met	3 criteria met	4 criteria met	5 criteria met
Entrees (based on ≥ 8 oz.; numbers are pro-rated for smaller servings) Criteria • 6% calories or less saturated fat • 600 mg or less sodium • 5 g or more fiber • 14 g or more protein	0 criteria met	1 criteria met	2 criteria met	3 criteria met	4 criteria met

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Sandwiches (based on ≥ 8 oz.; numbers are pro-rated for smaller servings) Criteria • 6% calories or less saturated fat • 600 mg or less sodium • 4 g or more fiber • No processed meat • 7 g or more protein	0-1 criteria met	2 criteria met	3 criteria met	4 criteria met	5 criteria met
Pre-packaged Snacks (per serving on the nutrition label, not the whole package if there are multiple servings) Criteria • 10% calories or less added sugar • 6% calories or less saturated fat • 240 mg or less sodium • 3 grams or more fiber • First ingredient is intact fruit, vegetable, oats, protein, corn in the whole form (popcorn), nuts, or seeds » Items meeting this criteria have a fiber exception *Nuts/seeds and nut/seed mixtures have a fiber and saturated fat exception.	0-1 criteria met	2 criteria met	3 criteria met	4 criteria met	5 criteria met
Salad Dressings and Condiments (per 2 tbsp or 1 oz.) Criteria • 6% calories or less saturated fat • 140 mg or less sodium • 10% calories or less added sugar • No artificial sweeteners or coloring	0 criteria met	1 criteria met	2 criteria met	3 criteria met	4 criteria met

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Smoothies (per 16 fluid ounces) Criteria • 3 g or more fiber • 10% calories or more protein • Vegetable included • 10% calories or less added sugar	0 criteria met	1 criteria met	2 criteria met	3 criteria met	4 criteria met
Animal & Plant-Based Proteins (per 3.5 oz cooked or 1 oz. cheese) Criteria • 6% calories or less saturated fat • 240 mg or less sodium • None of the components are deep-fried • No processed meat **includes all sandwich fillers: pure protein, tuna salad, chicken salad **saturated fat exception for whole eggs and fatty fish such as salmon, trout, tuna	0 criteria met	1 criteria met	2 criteria met	3 criteria met	4 criteria met
Fats (per FDA serving) Criteria • Oils, olives, nuts, seeds, nut/seed butters, avocado • No added sugar • 250 mg or less sodium	0-1 criteria met	N/A	2 criteria met	N/A	3 criteria met

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**Sides** (per serving)

0-1 criteria met

2 criteria met

3 criteria met

4 criteria met

5 criteria met

Criteria

- 6% calories or less saturated fat
- 200 mg or less sodium
- 3 g or more fiber
- Not deep fried
- Contains fruit or vegetable

Soups (per 8 fluid ounces)

0-1 criteria met

N/A

2 criteria met

N/A

3 criteria met

Criteria

- 6% calories or less saturated fat
- 3 g or more fiber
- 300 mg or less sodium

Vegetables (per serving)

0-1 criteria met

N/A

2 criteria met

N/A

3 criteria met

Criteria

- 6% calories or less saturated fat
- 200 mg or less sodium
- None of the components are deep fried

Yogurts (per serving)

0-1 criteria met

N/A

2 criteria met

N/A

3 criteria met

Criteria

- 6% calories or less saturated fat
- 10% calories or less added sugar
- No artificial sweeteners or coloring

Candy

All candy falls here

N/A

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Category					
Fruits (per serving)	N/A	N/A	Sweetened fresh, frozen, and canned, or dried fruit (sweetened or not)	N/A	Fresh fruit with nothing added, frozen with no added sweeteners
Sweeteners	honey, maple syrup, agave syrup, brown sugar, jellies/jams, sugar-free syrup, sugar-free jellies/jams	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Beverages	- Calorically sweetened beverages & energy drinks, including soft drinks, fruit drinks, teas, sports drinks, lemonade, and other “ades” that are sweetened with sugar, high-fructose corn syrup, or other high-calorie sweeteners - Non-calorically sweetened beverages & energy drinks, including waters, soft drinks, teas and sports drinks, lemonade, and other “ades” that are sweetened with calorie-free artificial sweeteners	Enhanced 100% juices with >100% daily value for vitamins and minerals	100% fruit & veg juices 2% or whole milk - Flavored and/or enhanced skim, ½% or 1% milk	- Plant based milk substitutes with more than 10% calories from added sugar - Enhanced waters with >100% daily value for vitamins and minerals	- Water and fruit-infused waters - Unsweetened teas & coffees - Skim, 1/2% or 1% milk - Plant based milk substitutes w/10% calories or less added sugar

All categories ≤ 0.5 g Trans Fat; if item is >0.5 g Trans Fat and not naturally occurring, item will be ranked 1 slice less.