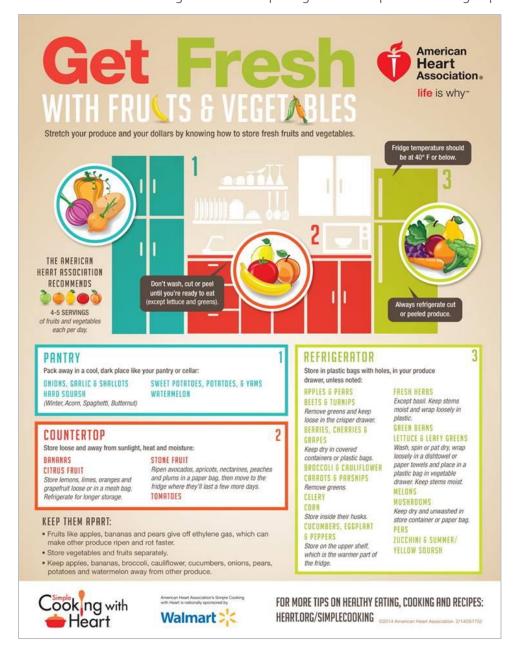


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FACEBOOK POSTS

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Prevent fresh fruits and vegetables from spoiling with these produce storage tips!



Getting 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid every day at least a month before becoming pregnant can help prevent serious birth defects of the brain and spine. To learn more about folic acid visit: www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/folicacid/about.html

November 9

Shared KIDS Network's Post



The American Academy of Pediatrics has updated the standards for infant safe sleep to further protect against SIDS and sleep related infant deaths. Here's what YOU need to know.

1 SAME ROOM, SEPARATE BED

Babies should share a room with parents, but not the same sleeping surface, preferably until the baby turns one, and at least for the first six months. Room-sharing decreases the risk of SIDS by as much as 50%.

2 BACK

Place baby on his or her back on a firm surface, such as a crib or bassinet, with a taut sheet and mattress.

3 CLUTTER-FREE CRIB

Avoid use of soft bedding, including crib bumpers, blankets, pillows and soft toys. The crib should be bare.

4 BREASTFEED

Breastfeeding is recommended as added protection against SIDS. After feeding, AAP encourages parents to move baby to his or her separate sleeping place, preferably a crib or bassinet in the parents' bedroom.

5 SKIN-TO-SKIN

Skin-to-skin care is recommended, regardless of feeding or delivery method, immediately following birth for at least an hour as soon as the mother is medically stable and awake.

6 PACIFIER

Offer a pacifier at nap time and bedtime, after one month of age and breastfeeding has been well-established.

7 AVOID HOME MONITORS

Do not use home monitors or commercial devices, including wedges or sleep positioners, marketed to reduce the risk of SIDS.

8 TUMMY TIME

Supervised, awake tummy time for baby is recommended daily to facilitate development.

9 HEALTY ENVIRONMENT

Avoid baby's exposure to smoke, alcohol and illicit drugs. Infants should receive all recommended vaccinations for added protection against SIDS.

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics, October 24, 2016





www.KidsKS.org

FOLIC ACID AND YOU:

Your Healthy Pregnancy

Folic acid is a B vitamin. Getting 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid every day at least a month before becoming pregnant can help prevent serious birth defects of the brain and spine.

Here are three ways to get the recommended daily amount of this important nutrient:

MAKE IT QUICK!

A fast way to get your daily dose of folic acid is to take a multivitamin every day. Check the label to be sure it contains the recommended daily amount of 400 mcg.





MAKE IT EASY!

Many breakfast cereals contain 100% of the recommended daily amount of folic acid per serving. Check the label to be sure.

MAKE IT DELICIOUS!

Give your vitamin intake a boost by enjoying a healthy smoothie. Blend together these ingredients for a nutritious tropical smoothie: I small banana, ½ cup mango, ½ cup pineapple, ¾ cup orange juice, and ice.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FOLIC ACID, VISIT

http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/folicacid/about.html



You have the power to protect your child against measles with the safe and effective MMR vaccine. Children should get the first of two doses of MMR vaccine, starting at 12 -15 months of age (CDC).

November 11



Measles

IT ISN'T JUST A LITTLE RASH



Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.

MEASUES SYMPTOMS TYPICALLY INCLUDE

- High fever (may spike to more than 104° F)
- · Cough
- · Runny nose
- · Red, watery eyes
- Rash breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms begin



Measles Can Be Serious



About 1 out of 4 people who get measles will be hospitalized.



1 out of every 1,000 people with measles will develop brain swelling due to infection (encephalitis), which may lead to brain damage.



1 or 2 out of 1,000 people with measles will die, even with the best care.

You have the power to protect your child.



Provide your children with safe and long-lasting protection against measles by making sure they get the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine according to CDC's recommended immunization schedule.

WWW.CDC.GOV/MEASLES



American Academy 6



Since children younger than 6 months cannot get a flu vaccine, the best way to protect them is to make sure people around them are vaccinated against the flu this season. (https://go.usa.gov/xRptc)



November 13

November is Eat Smart Month! You don't have to be an experienced cook to prepare healthy meals at home. Pictured are some tips to get you started! (tinyurl.com/Eat-Smart-Month)

*Not everyone with flu will have a fever.



www.cdc.gov/flu

EAT SMART AT HOME

Healthy habits start at home. When you prepare and cook meals at home:

1) you're in control of what you and your family are eating,

- 2) you can get inventive and inspired with your culinary creations, and
- 3) you save money.

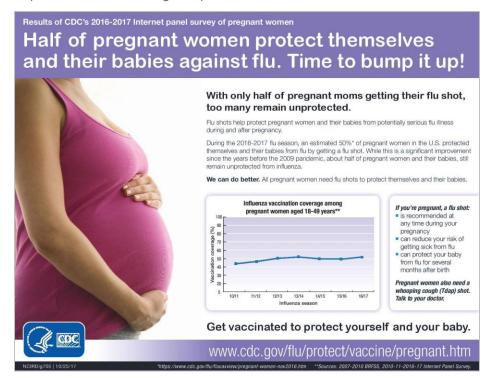
Pretty much a no-brainer. So let's bring cooking back to life!

You don't have to be an experienced cook to prepare healthy meals at home. Here are some tips to get you started.

- Get inspired by healthy cookbooks, cooking shows and blogs, and try new recipes that will "wow" your family. Check out heart.org/recipes for hundreds of delicious, simple, affordable and quick dishes.
- Choose healthier meats and proteins, like fish, chicken, and beans.
 If you eat red meat, choose lean and extra-lean cuts and trim off as much fat as you can before cooking.
- Add color to your meals with fruits and vegetables. Sneak 'em in if you have to. And they all count!
 Fresh, frozen, canned and dried are all good choices, just watch out for excess salt and added sugars.
- Make healthy substitutions when you can. Take baby steps over time to replace less-healthy ingredients in your family favorites.
- Break up with sneaky salt and learn new ways to give food great flavor, including herbs, spices and other seasonings.
- + Upgrade your fats. Use healthy vegetable oils instead of butter, lard and tropical oils.
- + Stock up. For hassle-free healthy meals in a hurry, be prepared with a well-stocked kitchen. This means always having some basic ingredients in your cabinets, pantry, fridge and freezer. It can save time and worry on those busy days when you don't have a chance to get to the grocery store.
- Learn new cooking methods and techniques. Brush up your skills with videos online or take
 a cooking class with friends. Instead of frying, learn how to infuse flavor into foods cooked in
 healthier ways, like baking, grilling, roasting and steaming.

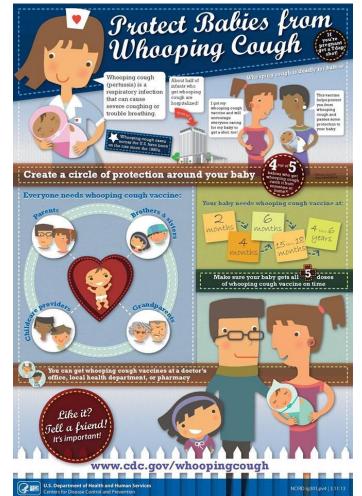


Getting a flu shot during pregnancy can help protect your baby from flu for several months after birth. tinyurl.com/CDC-Flu-Pregnancy



November 16

Shared Immunize Kansas Coalition's Post



Babies born too early may face long-term health problems that affect the brain, the lungs, hearing or vision. World Prematurity Day raises awareness of this serious health crisis (http://tinyurl.com/Prematurity-Day).



November 20



Kansas Maternal & Child Health

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Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), can have devastating, long-lasting effects on children's health and well being. In the U.S. nearly half of the children under age 18 have experienced at least one of nine types of ACEs. Learn more about the latest data: http://rwjf.ws/2ypd4WC



Adverse Childhood Experiences

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is working to increase awareness and understanding of the impact of adverse childhood experiences and the need to develop effective innovative interventions.

RWJF.ORG

You're invited to attend the Help Me Grow Kansas Summit on December 7th in Wichita! Attend the summit and learn about promoting optimal child development through advancing early screening and linkage to services. Learn more about Help Me Grow: www.helpmegrownational.org.

You Are Invited

Help Me Grow

Summit

December 7, 2017

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m

Wichita Marriott 9100 Corporate Hills Dr. Wichita, KS 67207

Join us to learn more about what

this initiative can bring to your community!

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Join the work to promote optimal child development through advancing early screening and linkage to services.



Early childhood professionals, health care providers, parents, educators, state and local children's agencies, and information and referral networks are invited to attend summit to learn more about this exciting new initiative in Kansas.

Join us for a day of learning, collaboration and building partnerships in our communities.

- Receive education from Help Me Grow National Center.
- Hear from a panel of early childhood professionals from Kansas
- Engage in group work and plan how to leverage this initiative in your community.







November 21 - @

Congratulations to Kansas Department of Health and Environment for achieving national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)!



Department of Health and Environment

Kansas Department of Health and Environment Awarded National Accreditation Through the Public Health Accreditation Board PHAB-Accredited Health...

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Remember to have babies sleep alone, on their back, and in a clutter-free crib every time. To find out more about what safe sleep is, visit www.kidsks.org/safe-sleep.html.



Learn about what the Help Me Grow initiative can bring to your community. Join us on December 7th for the Help Me Grow Kansas Summit in Wichita!





