

# EAT SMART

# WITH FOOD NUTRITION LABELS

The Nutrition Facts label can help you make healthier choices. Here's what to look for:

**Nutrition Facts** 

8 servings per container

Serving size 2/3 cup (55g)

Amount per serving Calories

230

| % Daily Value*                |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Total Fat 8g                  | 10% |
| Saturated Fat 1g              | 5%  |
| Trans Fat 0g                  |     |
| Cholesterol 0mg               | 0%  |
| Sodium 160mg                  | 7%  |
| <b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 37g | 13% |
| Dietary Fiber 4g              | 14% |
| Total Sugars 12g              |     |
| Includes 10g Added Sugars     | 20% |
| Protein 3g                    |     |
|                               |     |
| Vitamin D 2mcg                | 10% |
| Calcium 260mg                 | 20% |
| Iron 8mg                      | 45% |
| Potassium 235mg               | 6%  |

<sup>\*</sup> The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

## Start with serving information.

This will tell you the size of a single serving and how many servings are in the package.

#### Check total calories.

Do the math to know how many calories you're getting if you eat the whole package.

#### Limit certain nutrients.

Compare labels when possible and choose options with lower amounts of added sugars, sodium, saturated fat and trans fat.

# Get enough of beneficial nutrients.

Eat foods with nutrients your body needs, including calcium, dietary fiber, iron, potassium and vitamin D.

## Understand % Daily Value.

- The % Daily Value () tells you the percentage of each nutrient in a single serving in terms of the daily recommended amount.
- To consume less of a nutrient (such as saturated fat or sodium), choose foods with a lower % DV (5% or less).
- To consume more of a nutrient (such as fiber or potassium), choose foods with a higher % DV—(20% or more).

For more tips and tricks on eating smart, visit heart.org/HealthyForGood.