## Mindful Eating During the Holidays

## **Mindful Eating**

What is it?	The practice of consciously and non-judgmentally paying full attention to the experience of eating, fostering a deeper connection with food and one's own body.	
Why is it helpful?	Can lead to improved awareness of food choices, better portion control, reduced emotional eating, and a more positive and balanced relationship with food, contributing to overall well-being.	
How can I use it?	Practice by consciously slowing down and being fully present during meals, leading to a more positive and balanced relationship with food.	

3 Mindful Eating Tips			
0	<b>Savor Each Bite:</b> Take the time to truly taste and enjoy your food by chewing slowly and paying attention to the flavors, textures, and aromas.		
0	<b>Eat Without Distractions:</b> Avoid eating in front of the TV, computer, or phone; focus solely on your meal to better understand your body's hunger and fullness cues.		
	<b>Listen to Your Body:</b> Tune in to your body's signals for hunger and fullness, and eat when you are genuinely hungry, stopping when you feel satisfied rather than overly full.		

## **Balanced Nutrition**

Proteins	Carbs	Fats	F&Vs
Help keep us fuller for longer and have greater satiety after meals	Help us meet our fiber requirements when whole grain, and give us energy	Lead to greater satiety after meals and help with hormonal health	Provide us with many vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants
Chicken, fish, eggs, lentils, beans	Rice, whole grain bread, potatoes	Avocado, nuts and seeds	Grapes, spinach, apples, pears, asparagus

## Remember to:

Holiday To-do's	Done?
Eat mindfully and enjoy your food and time with family and friends. Use mindful eating techniques to have a pleasant mealtime experience.	0
Make complete meals in order to stay satisfied, avoid mood swings/ stress, and have enough energy to be present.	0
Stay hydrated and move your body in ways that feel good to you!	0