

#### AN AT HOME GUIDE TO SUCCESS WITH YOUR HEALTH AT FITNESS





#### ABOUT THE GUIDE

Extended stays at home can be a massive change in your routine. This often comes with some stress around maintaining your diet and exercise as you strive for an overall healthy lifestyle.

This guide is a concise, but thorough compendium of tips, tricks, recipes, and workouts that you can use to navigate extended periods at home and continue on your path to health and wellness.

We are here to support you and provide you as many resources as we can!

# On behalf of our entire staff at Macros Inc.







### NAVIGATING TAKEOUT FOOD

Take out and home delivery food can make navigating certain periods of your life substantially easier and less stressful. While we often think of takeout food as inherently "unhealthy" there are several tips you can use to ensure that you are getting great food options!

#### Keep Food Simple

One of the biggest issues with restaurant foods is it can be hard to know what exactly is in a dish. There are often a lot of ingredients in things like sauces, dressings, reductions, etc. that are really hard to account for. Furthermore, really complicated dishes often have things you don't even know where to begin in understanding what is in it. So the very first place to start when ordering a meal out is keep your meal simple. Simple doesn't mean boring or bland (a perfectly seared steak with charred vegetables and a baked potato is not boring), simple means easy to understand and track.

#### Roasted, Baked, Grilled, Broiled, or Poached

How your food is prepared makes a big difference in the nutrient qualities of it. There are certain methods of cooking that keep food "simpler" than others. Whenever possible, order food to be roasted, baked, grilled, broiled, or poached. They use either air, flame, or water to cook them and don't require a lot of additional ingredients. Fried foods require a batter (eggs, flours, butter) and are deep fried in oil. Sauteed foods are also cooked in either a generous, not measured out amount of butter or oil.

#### General Go-To Restaurant Meals.

Almost all restaurants have some iteration of the same dish so you can go to almost any sit-down restaurant in the world and find some variant on these dishes.

- Roasted chicken with vegetable medley or wild rice
- Grilled steak and baked potato
- Grilled fish with wild rice
- Stir Fry with vegetables and chicken/shrimp/steak

## Try Something Different!

#### **Indian Food**

Indian food, if done right, can provide a great meal while eating out as they often use low calorie spices to achieve complex flavors. Opt for steamed rice and curry dishes, grilled meats if possible, and steamed veggies.

There are some dishes in Indian cuisine that are not optimal choices (i.e. butter chicken) or other fried options (i.e. fry bread), but overall Indian food provides a highly nutritious, and high flavor dining out experience.

#### **Greek Food**

Greek cuisine can be very vegetable heavy, relies on rice and potatoes, and uses grilling and sauteing in olive oil as their primary cooking methods.

Be mindful of dishes that are sauteed as they can often be very oil heavy, but some smart choices and asking the server how things are prepared can lead to a great greek meal. Choose dishes that have a grilled meat, mixed veggies, steamed rice, and you are set for an excellent meal out.

#### Japanese Food

Japanese cuisine can prove to be an excellent type of food. Japanese food often uses simple, but flavorful ingredients. Most Japanese food is steamed or grilled, and foods tend to be higher in protein and carbohydrates and lower in fat than other types of foods. Japanese foods can be higher in sodium if large amounts of soy sauce are used.

Tempura, which are deep fried foods, can prove to be high-calorie, high-fat foods, but opting for dishes that focus on steamed rice, rice noodles, fish, seared chicken, and steak are great choices.

# ON THE GO FOOD OPTIONS

## PANDA EXPRESS



BROCCOLI CHICKEN	BLACK PEPPER CHICKEN		MUSHROOM CHICKEN
180 CAL 9G FAT 11G CARBS 2G SUGARS 3G FIBER 13G PROTEIN	280 CAL 14G FAT 11G CARBS 5G SUGARS 10G PROTEIN		220 CAL 14G FAT 8G CARBS 5G SUGARS 13G PROTEIN
WHITE STEAMED RICE	SUPER GREENS		CHICKEN TERIYAKI

## **STARBUCKS**



160 CAL 2.5G FAT 28 CARBS 4G FIBER 5G PROTEIN	HEARTY BLUEBERRY OATMEAL 220 CAL 2.5G FAT 43G CARBS 13G SUGARS 5G FIBER 5G PROTEIN	REDUCED-FAT TURKEY BACON & EGG WHITE SANDWICH 220 CAL 14G FAT 8G CARBS 5G SUGARS 13G PROTEIN
SPINACH, FETA & EGG WHITE WRAP	EGGS & CHEESE PROTEIN BOX	FRUIT AND CHEESE PROTEIN BOX

## **CHICK-FIL-A**



GRILLED NUGGETS (8 PIECE)	CRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH		GRILLED COOL WRAP
130 CAL 3G FAT 1G CARBS 25G PROTEIN	320 CAL 6G FAT 41G CARBS 28G PROTEIN		350 CAL 13G FAT 29G CARBS 42G PROTEIN
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SPICY SOUTHWEST SALAD	EGG WHITE GRILL		GREEK YOGURT PARFAIT

# RECIPES



#### **GREEK CHICKEN SALAD BOATS**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

#### Boats

- Boneless skinless chicken breast, raw 150g
- Lettuce 160g
- Tomato 110g
- Cucumber 110g
- Bell pepper 110g
- Feta cheese 50g
- Lemon Juice, splash to taste
- Oregano Itsp to taste

#### Sauce

- 0% plain greek yogurt 100g
- Lemon juice, splash to taste
- Dill spice 1tsp to taste

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#### DIRECTIONS

- Weigh and chop your chicken into thin strips or bite sized pieces and place in a fry pan on medium, stirring occasionally.
- While the chicken is cooking, weigh your yogurt, mix the sauce and set aside.
- Chop up tomatoes, cucumber and bell pepper into bite sized pieces, weighing each portion, before stirring together in a bowl with another splash of lemon juice and dash of oregano.
- Carefully separate 3-4 large leaves off the head of lettuce; any full sized leafy lettuce leaf will also work these will be your boats. Chop up additional lettuce and weigh the boats and chopped lettuce portion.
- Weigh your portion of feta cheese.
- Assembly: place chopped lettuce on the bottom, next spoon in a layer of your tomato/cucumber/pepper mix.
- Add the chicken, crumble feta on top of the chicken then spoon on your lemon dill sauce and enjoy!

#### Serving Size: All of it! Protein: 57 g Carbs : 22 g Fat: 15 g

#### EGG WHITE DROP RAMEN BOWL

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 Packet Instant Ramen
- 150-250 G of Frozen Vegetable Blen
- 200 mL Liquid Egg White

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Cook Instant Ramen according to package.
- While ramen is cooking, reheat the frozen vegetables according to package.
- While ramen is hot pour in the egg whites and slowly stir to ensure egg whites are cooked.
- Add vegetables to the ramen.
- Overdose on Sriracha :)



Serving Size: All of it! Macros will vary depending on ramen used

#### PROTEIN FRUIT SMOOTHIE

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 140G of Frozen Fruit
- 1 Scoop of Protein Powder
- 1 Cup of Ice

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Place frozen fruit in the bottom of the blender.
- Add 1 cup of ice on the top of the frozen fruit.
- Add protein powder and any extra liquid (water or milk)
- Press the blend button until it is completely blended.
- Pour into your favorite glass and bon appetite.



Serving Size: All of it! Macros will vary depending on fruit used

#### **PROTEIN OATMEAL**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 250 G of Oatmeal, Dry
- 1 Scoop of Protein Powder
- 1/2 cup Canned Peaches, Drained.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Cook oatmeal per instructions
- Add 1 scoop protein powder and stir.
- Spoon on canned peaches
- Serve



#### Serving Size: All of it! Protein: 25-30 G Carbs: 50 G Fat: 1 G

#### **HEARTY STEW**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 Cup Vegetable Stock
- 1 Bag Frozen Mixed Veggies
- 1 Cup Chopped Potatoes
- 1 Can Diced Tomatoes
- 2 Tbsp Olive Oil
- 3 oz Tomato Paste
- 8 oz Stew Meat

#### DIRECTIONS

- Take a medium to large sized pot and heat on stove over medium or high heat.
- Add olive oil to hot pot and let sit for 30 seconds.
- Add stew meat and cook until brown.
- Add tomato paste and cook for 3-4 minutes.
- Deglaze pot with vegetable stock and scrape bottom of pan with wooden spoon.
- Add potatoes, tomatoes, and veggies.
- Cover with lid and let simmer for 2-3 hours.



Serving Size: Half of the Batch Protein: 38 G Carbs: 50 G Fat: 20 G

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#### EQUIPMENT IDEAS

- Gallon of water 8.4 pounds (you can fill with sand which will be ~12 pounds)
- Ream of paper
- Bag of dog food/kitty litter
- 2 liter of soda
- Lots of cans from food load into a bag or backpack.
- Books

#### TOTAL BODY 3X PER

Exercise	Sets	Reps
Backpack squat Fill a backpack with heavy items and squat. You can put the backpack on your front, back, or both. You can also use a child on your back.	3-5	12-15
Water Jug Chest Flys Laying on the ground, perform a chest fly with a gallon of water in each hand	4-5	10-12
Grocery Bag Curls Fill grocery bags with items and proceed to curl (use non-breakable things in case the bag breaks)	5	10-15
Kitchen Table Reverse Rows Take an unfolded sheet and roll it vertically so it's really long. Put over your kitchen table. Lay on the ground and pull yourself. Think of a reverse pushup combined with a pullup.	5	12
<b>Outside Pull Up</b> Find a tree, a wood beam, etc., that's sturdy. You can also increase the difficulty by added a weighted backpack	3	5-12
2 Liter Triceps Kickbacks Hold a 2 liter of soda while performing	5-10	8-15

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#### UPPER BODY (2 TIMES PER WEEK)

Exercise	Sets	Reps
Milk Jug Side Lateral Raise	3-5	10-12
Milk jug bent over rows	3-5	10-12
Flat Push-Ups (with or without a backpack for added weight)	3	To failure
Milk Jug, Bent Over Reverse Flys	3-5	10-12
Table Rows           Underneath a STRONG table, grab the of the table and pull yourself up, keeping your legs	3-5	8-12
straight. You can also keep your feet flat on the floor & a slight bend in your knees		
<b>Raised Push-up</b> - Upper body raised = less difficulty -Feet raised = more difficulty	2-3	8-10
Grocery Bag Curls Fill grocery bags with items and proceed to curl (use non-breakable things in case the bag breaks)	5	10-15
Stair Triceps Extension Place hands on step (step 1-3, depending on height). Bend elbows & keep tucked in Keep body straight Extend arms	3-4	failure

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#### LOWER BODY (2 TIMES PER WEEK)

Exercise	Sets	Reps
Backpack squat		
Fill a backpack with heavy items and squat. You can put the backpack on your front, back, or both. You can also use a child on your back.	3-5	10-12
Walking Milk Jug Lunge	3-5	10-12 per leg
Table Reverse Leg RaiseLaying face down on a table with your legs off the edgeLower your legs as much as you can to be perpendicular to the ground.Slowly raise legs up to make body a straight line	3-5	Failure
<b>Glute Bridge</b> Once you have mastered a two-leg glute bridge, you can move on to a one-legged glute bridge	3-5	failure

#### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

• Your body

HIIT Circuit	Lower Body focus HIIT Circuit	HIIT Circuit
3 Rounds, AMRAP for 45sec, with 15 sec rest between each exercise	Round 1 each exercise 45 seconds with 15 second rest, Round 2 30 sec each exercise 10 second rest	3 Rounds, AMRAP for 45sec, with 15 sec rest between each exercise
Push-ups	Russian Twists	Russian Twists
Bodyweight Squats	Jump Squats	Burpees
Butt Kicks	Push-ups	Downward dog to tricep pushup
Tricep Dips	SL RDL with dumbbell	Reverse Lunges
Side Lunges	Glute Bridge	Reverse Crunches
Jumping Jacks	Mountain Climbers	High Knees

#### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

• Your body

#### WORKOUT A

Exercise	Sets	Reps	Rest
1.5 Squat	4	12	1.5 min
Pause Jump Squat	4	12	1.5 min
Eccentric Push Ups*	4	12	1.5 min
Triceps Dips	4	12	1.5 min
Cuban Press	4	12	1.5 min
Knee to Elbow Plank	4	12	1.5 min
Side Plank w/ Psoas March	4	12	1.5 min

#### WORKOUT B

Exercise	Sets	Reps	Rest
Skater Squat	4	12	1.5 min
Ice Skater	4	12	1.5 min
Paused Lateral Squat	4	12	1.5 min
Hand Release Push Ups	4	12	1.5 min
Rainbows	4	12	1.5 min
Prone Back Extension	4	12	1.5 min
Marching Plank	4	12	1.5 min

# WORKING FROM HOME





Changing a work environment can cause some undo stress and make your work more difficult. Much of that comes from adjusting and trying to find new ways to succeed in a new environment.

We are very fortunate at Macros Inc that we are a 100% remote company and have been able to learn how to operate and run efficiently over the last few years.

The following pages are going to include a compendium of tips, tricks, and advice from our employees on how to set yourself up for success and manage your day-to-day work environment while working from home.

These pages should help you navigate some of the hurdles and also show you that remote work can make your life easier in many regards!



Switching to working remotely can have some challenges, but it can also make life much better.

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## YOUR WORK ENVIRONMENT

Setting your work environment is important. Find a way to separate your work from the rest of the house. Whether that is designating a guest room as an office or carving out a space in the basement and wearing headphones. Find a space that can be dedicated work space and hold that space as "sacred" work space.

## SET BOUNDARIES

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Being physically present in the house means that you are much more available to your family, including your spouses and kids. Have conversations with your family about the expectations and set boundaries that work for your entire family.

Each family will have different needs and circumstances and find ways to work together to set those boundaries such that everyone is happy with the working arrangement.







# SCHEDULE BREAKS

Working from home can end up looking like a never ending work schedule. You are always 15 seconds away from your desk.

One way to combat this is to set scheduled breaks. For example, you can set short breaks during your work day. This might look like15 minutes in the morning, 15 minutes in the afternoon. Play with your pets, go outside for a walk, check in with Macros Inc. on Facebook (I mean you can't live without us right?!) etc.

Get outside on your lunch break if possible. Go for a walk, even if it is just in your backyard.

## GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN

Stay out of the kitchen. Set that boundary, it can become very easy to wander into the kitchen and end up eating when you don't need to. If it's not meal time, or prep time, don't go in there.

Plan and prepare your meals and snacks just like if you had to go into the office.



## **BE EFFICIENT**

Often times working from home results in more meetings than when working in an office. The phone calls and virtual meetings can be good opportunities for getting some movement in. Put in headphones and pace around your office or the house.

Another option is to get a treadmill desk. Some people find that they can work efficiently while walking on the treadmill.

## **KEEP THE ROUTINE**

Try to continue with your normal routine as much as possible. It can be hard to stay focused when at home with distractions. Take care of urgent concerns (kids, pets, etc) but otherwise try to stay focused and attentive to your schedule.