How to Boost Jour Immune System

EXPLORING HOLISTIC & NATURAL STRATEGIES FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH

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EATING FOR IMMUNITY Top mmune-Boosting Loods

How do you eat for immunity? For starters, steer clear of Sugar and load up on plenty of fresh fruits and veggies. And try adding some of these immune-boosting foods into the mix:



Turmeric Turmeric is a powerhouse for immunity. It contains curcumin, a compound with potent antiinflammatory properties. When cooking with turmeric, *always* include a pinch of pepper. This can increase curcumin absorption by up to 2,000%!



Garlic This pungent bulb has been revered for centuries for it's immune-boosting properties. Garlic contains allicin, a compound that helps your body fend off harmful viruses. Studies show that eating garlic regularly can reduce the risk of getting a cold or flu.



Ginger

Many turn to ginger for an upset tummy. But this spicy root has immune-boosting benefits as well. Ginger contains gingerol, a compound with strong anti-inflammatory effects. Try making a cup of <u>ginger tea</u> the next time your immune system could use a boost.



Vitamin C rich foods Vitamin C is a potent antioxidant that protects your immune cells from harmful free radicals.

Foods rich in vitamin C include:

- citrus fruits
- broccoli
- bell peppers
- strawberries
- tomatoes
- kale



Green tea Green tea is loaded with antioxidants -the main one being EGCG, which protects cells from damage. Plus, some studies show green tea has antibacterial properties.



Fermented foods Did you know 70-80% of your immune system lives in your gut? Eating fermented foods such as sauerkraut, yogurt, and kombucha support your healthy gut bacteria, to keep your immune system strong.



Bone broth If your gut lining gets damaged, it can wreak havoc on your immune system. Luckily, bone broth can help. It's packed with vitamins, minerals, and amino acids to support a healthy gut barrier.



Berries Berries are rich in flavonoids, a type of antioxidant that reduces cell damage and boosts your immune system. They also pack a powerful punch of vitamin C.

DAILY RITUALS your Immune Heath



Morning Immunity Tonic This tonic is packed with immune-boosting ingredients to keep you strong all day long.

Recipe:

- 1 cup brewed green tea
- 1/4 tsp ground turmeric
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- small pinch pepper

Combine all ingredients and whisk until smooth.



Get Outside Time in nature isn't just relaxing, it's powerful medicine. Research shows spending time outdoors lowers inflammation and increases natural killer cells -- immune cells that fend off viruses. Plus, if it's a sunny day, you'll get a free dose of vitamin D, a nutrient critical for immune health.



Take a Cold Shower Cold water therapy's all the rage now -- for good reason! Cold exposure stimulates your white blood cells, improves circulation, and reduces inflammation. And you *don't* have to go to extremes to see the benefits. Even switching to cold water for the last minute or two of your shower can be enough to give you a boost.



Stay hydrated

Keeping your body well hydrated helps your detox organs flush out wastes, bacteria, and toxins. So keep a water bottle handy wherever you go. Aim to drink 2 liters of water each day.



Exercise Getting regular exercise is a goldmine for immunity. It eases stress, boosts your mood, and increases circulation. Just don't overdo it, as intense exercise can suppress immunity.



Get a good night's sleep Research shows that people who don't get enough sleep are more likely to get sick. So stick to a regular sleep schedule. Most adults need at least 7-9 hours of sleep every night.

THE BEST SUPPLEMENTS



Elderberry Also known as Sambucus, Elderberry has been used a a natural remedy for colds and flu for ages. Research show it can reduce respiratory symptoms from viral infections. You can get a dose of elderberry via capsules, liquid, gummies, or even lozenges.

Brands: Planetary Herbals, GHC



Andrographis An herb used in Ayurveda for centuries, Andrographis contains compounds with antiviral properties. Evidence reveals that taking andographis may reduce cold symptoms... and make you less likely to catch a cold in the first place!

Brand: Professional Formulas



Astragalus Popular in Chinese medicine, astragalus is an herb with antioxidant, antiinflammatory, and antiviral properties. Research shows astragalus may help your body produce white blood cells to protect from infections.

Brands: Herb Farm, Wise Woman Herbals



GUT Support Intelligence Of Nature Mineral supplement sourced from 60-millionyear-old soil that provides foundational barrier support, naturally balancing the microbiome.

Brand: ION Biome



Zinc

This mineral helps your body produce immune cells and has antiviral properties. What's more, it's shown to reduce the duration of colds.

Brands: Integrative Therapeutics, GHC



NAC N-Acetyl L-Cysteine (NAC) helps to replenish intracellular glutathione, which is vital in cellular antioxidant pathways.

Brands: Integrative Therapeutics, Premier Research Labs



Vitamin C Research shows taking a vitamin C supplement helps reduce the duration and severity of cold symptoms. Just don't go overboard.

Brands: Dr Mercola, Quicksilver, Thorne



Echinacea Also known as purple coneflower, this herb is a popular natural remedy for colds and flu.

Brands: Herb Farm, Professional Formulas, GHC