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# Boost your Immune System

### **Reduce stress levels**

Long term exposure to stressful situations causes inflammation in the body. Cortisol and adrenaline, the bodies stress hormones, suppress your immune system increasing the risk of infection and disease.

#### **Keep active**

Inactivity can leave you feeling sluggish and more at risk of picking up an infection. Avoid sitting down all day and look for opportunities to walk more often.

## Easy on the fat and sugar

Combined with an inactive lifestyle, a diet high in fat and sugar reduces the body's ability to fight off infection. A high number of fat cells may also release chemicals in to the body that cause chronic inflammation, damaging healthy tissues.

### Vitamin D

Exposure to sunlight is ideal but vitamin D is also found in some foods such as eggs, liver and oily fish. The NHS also recommend that everyone should consider taking a vitamin D supplement, particularly during autumn and winter.

#### Keep it clean

Prevention is better than the cure. Ensure you maintain good hygiene standards washing hands regularly and thoroughly.



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