# SERVING Sizes



# **Non-Starchy Vegetables**

1 serving of vegetables = 1/2 cup cooked vegetables or 1 cup raw vegetables

Make half your plate non-starchy vegetables

**Examples of non-starchy vegetables:** 

Carrots

Peppers

Celery

- Tomatoes
- Cucumber
- Zucchini

Lettuce

Summer squash

Broccoli

- Spinach
- Green beans
- Snap peas

### **Fruits**

1 serving of fruit = 1 cup fresh fruit, 1 cup 100% fruit juice, or 1/2 cup dried fruit

- · Focus on whole fruits or cut-up fruits as they provide fiber
- When choosing canned fruits, select fruit canned in 100% fruit juice or water rather than syrup
- Read food labels on canned, frozen, or dried fruit to avoid added sugars



# **Starchy Vegetables and Grains**

### Make 1/4 of plate starch or grain

1 serving of starchy vegetables = 1/2 cup

#### Starchy Vegetables include:

- Corn
- Green peas
- Plantain
- Potatoes
- Winter squash (acorn, butternut)
- · Yam/sweet potato

#### **Grain foods include:**

- Breads, English muffin, bagel, tortillas, buns/rolls, pita, biscuits, cornbread, muffins, pancakes/waffles
- · Cereals (cold and cooked), granola
- Pasta/noodles, rice, grits, quinoa, bulgur, farro
- Crackers, popcorn, chips, and other snack foods



### **Protein Foods**

### Aim for 3-4 ounces of protein per meal for approx. 25 grams of protein

3-4 ounces is about the same size of your palm or deck of cards

#### Serving sizes of protein foods:

- 3-4 ounces Chicken/turkey, fish/ shellfish, beef, or pork
- 4-5 ounces Tofu/tempeh
- 6 ounces Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup cottage cheese or ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup cooked beans (such as black, kidney, pinto, or white beans)
- 1/2 cup cooked peas (such as chickpeas, lentils)
- 2 Eggs
- 1 ounce nuts and seeds
- 2 Tbsp Peanut Butter
- 2 Tbsp Hummus



# **Dairy**

### 1 serving of dairy is:

- 8 ounces fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1%) milk
- 8 ounces Lactaid or lactose-free milk
- 8 ounces soy milk

- 1 cup non-fat yogurt (non-Greek)
- 1 ounce cheese \*
- 1/4 cup shredded cheese \*
- 1 string cheese \*



### Dairy also provides about 8 grams of protein per serving

\*Choose reduced-fat, part-skim, or light when possible



