

# Iron



## Why do you need iron?

- Iron is an important mineral that your body needs to keep your blood healthy.

## How to increase how much iron your body takes in:

- Eat vitamin C rich foods alongside iron rich foods (such as cabbage or putting oranges on a spinach salad).
- When taking an iron supplement, have a vitamin C rich drink to go with it (such as a glass of orange juice, no more than 4 ounces).
- Avoid eating calcium rich foods with iron (such as milk, yogurt, and cheese).

## What are some iron rich foods I should eat more of?

 <p>Beans and lentils</p>	 <p>Leafy greens</p>
 <p>Meat, chicken, or fish</p>	 <p>Nuts and nut butter</p>
 <p>Dried fruit</p>	 <p>Tofu and quinoa</p>

**Talk to your CHN nutritionist if you have more questions!**