# WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM A FOOD LABEL?

## Use food labels to make healthy food choices for your family

- Information on labels can help you choose products high in nutrients that promote good health and may protect you from disease.
- Use labels to find products that match your nutrition goals.
- Compare product labels to decide which is the healthiest choice for your family.
- Use the label to alert you of the presence of common allergens.

#### **Nutrients**

These four nutrients are required to be listed because many people don't get enough. Make it a goal to get 100% **Daily Value of these nutrients** and dietary fiber.

All ingredients must be listed in order by weight. The ingredient that weighs the most is listed first.

# **Nutrition Facts**

4 servings per container 1 cup (227g) Serving size

**Amount per serving** Calories

Potassium 510mg

280

10%

% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 9g	12%
Saturated Fat 4.5g	23%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 35mg	12%
Sodium 850mg	37%
Total Carbohydrate 34g	12%
Dietary Fiber 4g	14%
Total Sugars 6g	
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%
Protein 15g	
Vitamin D 0mcg	0%
Calcium 320mg	25%
Iron 1.6mg	8%
	100

\* The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

INGREDIENTS: Enriched macaroni product (wheat flour, niacin, ferrous sulfate [iron], thiamin mononitrate [vitamin B1], riboflavin [vitamin B2], folic acid); cheese sauce mix (whey, milkfat, milk protein concentrate, salt, calcium carbonate, sodium tripolyphosphate, citric acid, sodium phosphate, lactic acid, milk, yellow 5, yellow 6, enzymes, cheese culture).

### **Serving Information**

**Nutrition information is for the** amount listed as one serving. If you eat two servings of this food, all the information below should be doubled.

### **Quick Guide to percent** Daily Value (%DV)

- Tells the percentage each nutrient contributes toward the daily need for an average adult.
- If the % Daily Value is 5% or less, it is low in that nutrient.
- If the % Daily Value is 20% or more, it is high in that nutrient.

## The following allergens are required to be listed:

- Milk
- Peanuts Wheat
- Eggs
- Fish Crustacean shellfish
- Tree nuts
  Soybeans
- Sesame

(While gluten can be listed, it is not required)

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