

Heart Failure Action Plan

Every Day:



Weigh yourself at the same time every day. Use the same scale. Write down your weight.



Take your medications as prescribed. Talk to your provider before changing or stopping any medication.



Check for swelling in your feet, ankles, legs and belly.



Eat a heart healthy, low salt diet (less than 2,000 milligrams a day). Limit fluids if told by your provider.



Balance activity and rest periods. Get plenty of rest.



Do not smoke.



Limit alcohol.

Which zone are you in today?

GREEN **ZONE: GOOD**

YELLOW

ZONE:

CAUTION



Your symptoms are under control if you:

- Are not short of breath at rest
- Have not gained more than 2 to 3 pounds in 1 day
- Have no swelling of your feet, ankles, legs, or belly
- Have no chest pain
- Can do your usual everyday activities



Call your healthcare provider at:



if you:

- Gain more than 2 to 3 pounds in 1 day or more than 5 pounds in 1 week
- Have more swelling of your feet, ankles, legs, or belly
- Have a hacking cough
- Need more pillows to sleep or sleep sitting up
- Feel more tired or have more shortness of breath with daily activity
- Feel sick to your stomach, dizzy, faint, or uneasy, like something is not right
- Feel more sad or depressed than usual





Call 911 and go to the emergency room if you:

- Have a very hard time breathing, or are much more short of breath than usual at rest
- Wake up at night very short of breath
- Have pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest
- Can't think clearly

