

Diabetes Zones

Green Zone

ALL CLEAR - This Zone is Your Goal.

You have no symptoms of high or low blood sugar and you have:

- A fasting blood sugar of 90-130 (before food or drink in the morning).
- A blood sugar 1 to 2 hours aftermeals that is less than 180.
- A1c (your average blood sugar over several months) under 7%.

Yellow Zone

CAUTION - This is a Warning Zone LOW blood sugar:

- ▲ Shakiness, dizziness, extreme hunger, headache, pale skin, sweating
- ▲ Sudden mood or behavior changes (crying without reason)

What to Do:

- 1. Check your blood sugar (if possible) and write it down.
- 2. Eat or drink 15 to 20 grams of sugar or starches (such as 1/2 cup of fruit juice, or regular soda; or 4 or 5 saltine crackers; or 4 teaspoons of sugar; or 1 tablespoon of honey or corn syrup).
- 3. Wait 15 to 20 minutes and check your blood sugar again—if it is still below 60, eat 15 to 20 grams of sugar/starch again.

If your symptoms do not go away:

- 1. Call your Primary Care Provider's office NOW (day or night).
- 2. Tell them: "I have diabetes and my blood sugar is too low. I need to talk to my doctor or the Medical Assistant."

Your Primary Care Provider

Phone number

CAUTION - These are warnings of HIGH blood sugar:

- ▲ Blood sugar of 240 (or higher if you are used to higher levels)
- ▲ Extreme thirst, *or*
- ▲ Increase in urinating/passing water, or
- ▲ Nausea and vomiting, *or*
- ▲ Fruity smelling breath, or
- ▲ Belly (stomach) pain, or ▲ Deep/rapid breathing, or

What to Do:

- 1. Call your Primary Care Provider's office NOW (day or night).
- 2. Tell them: "I have diabetes and my blood sugar is too high. I need to talk to my doctor or the Medical Assistant."

Your Primary Care Provider

Phone number

Red Zone

EMERGENCY—Call 911 or go to the Emergency Room if you have ANY of the following symptoms:

- Lack of coordination and confusion
 - Fainting or passing out

Double vision

· Convulsions or a seizure