# Boosting Your Immune System Through Nutrition

# **Healthy Fats:**

- Powerful antioxidants (such as A and E) are fat soluble so need a healthy fat available for absorption
  - Almonds
  - · Sunflower seeds
  - Avocado
  - Olive oil



# Fruits and Vegetables:

- · High in vitamin C, other antioxidants (such as A and E) and fiber
  - Citrus fruits—oranges, tangerines, grapefruit, lemon, lime...
  - Berries—blueberries, strawberries, raspberries...
  - Papaya
  - Kiwi
  - Red bell peppers
  - Broccoli
  - Spinach

# **Herbs and Spices:**

- Help in fighting off viruses, infections and inflammation
  - Garlic
  - Ginger
  - Turmeric
  - Cinnamon

### Zinc:

- Can help the immune system fight off bacteria and viruses
  - Shellfish
  - Meat
  - · Nuts and seeds
  - Legumes
  - Eggs

## **Probiotics:**

- Healthy bacteria that stimulate the immune system
  - Yogurt
  - Kombucha
  - Tempeh, Miso, other fermented soybean products









### Tea:

- Both green and black tea are packed with flavonoids (a type of antioxidant)
- Green tea has EGCG, another powerful antioxidant that has shown to enhance the immune function

