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## **Prioritizing Wintertime Wellness**

Winter is often a time of great joy. For some, it can also bring on sadness or depression. Factors such as low vitamin D, Seasonal Affective Disorder, and other sources may be to blame. Thankfully, there are ways to address them and get on track toward feeling the merriment of the season.

#### **Low Vitamin D:**

Winter blues at older ages could be brought on by a vitamin D deficiency, according to Agingcare.com. People naturally get vitamin D from sunlight, and decreased exposure could lessen the ability to get enough. A deficiency could also result from medications affecting vitamin D production and metabolization, and aging skin decreasing vitamin D3 production.

Vitamin d levels can be increased with safe sun exposure and consumption of supplements, salmon, tuna, cod liver oil, egg yolks, mushrooms, oatmeal, cereal, soy milk, and cow milk. As for how much should be consumed daily, the National Institute on Aging recommends at least 600 IU, but not more than 4,000 IU, for those 50-70. At least 800 IU, but not more than 4,000 IU, is recommended for those 70 and older.

#### **Seasonal Affective Disorder:**

Another source for wintertime mood change could be Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a form of depression that cycles seasonally. SAD is a temporary condition that can be due to a lack of sunlight or hormone disruption with



season changes. Signs of SAD include loss of interest in things once enjoyed, changes to appetite or sleep, sadness, anxiety, tiredness, increased sensitivity, and feelings of hopelessness, according to Interim Healthcare.

Treating SAD may include light therapy, talk therapy, aromatherapy, physical activity, and/or doctor-prescribed medications, to name a few options.

### Other sources of sadness or depression:

Winter sadness or depression could also result from poor dietary choices and/ or lack of exercise—both which can be helped with lifestyle changes. Holiday stress, nostalgia, and social isolation may also bring down one's mood during winter.

Note: Each individual should follow the advice of their medical professionals or doctors and speak with them before making changes to diet and/or exercise.





December 5th 1:30 pm Springfield HS Choir

December 19th 4:30 pm Casino Night

December 28th 1:00 pm Game Show Night







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