# GERMS & IMMUNITY FACTS

### **Waterbury** HEALTH

## PROTECT YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM



THE IMMUNE
SYSTEM
PROTECTS
YOUR BODY
FROM OUTSIDE
INVADERS such as bacteria, viruses, fungi and toxins

#### **AVOID INFECTION**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces often



- Receive all recommended vaccines
- · Wash your hands frequently

#### **HEALTH TIP**



Fruits and vegetables are rich in nutrients like vitamin C, which may reduce the duration of the common cold

## TIPS TO STAY HEALTHY

- · Do not smoke.
- · Get adequate sleep
- If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.



- Increase the amount of fruits and vegetables into your diet
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Regularly perform moderate exercise (at least 150 minutes per week)
- · Stay hydrated
- Try to minimize stress



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Those who slept fewer than

6 HOURS EACH NIGHT WERE MORE LIKELY TO COME DOWN Z WITH A COLD

