At his checkup, 40-year-old Mr. Lu is surprised to learn that he is at risk for prediabetes. Prediabetes happens when your blood sugar level is higher than normal, but not high enough to be diabetes. It may turn into diabetes if not treated. Mr. Lu tells his doctor that he is active since he’s a waiter. He has noticed some weight gain, but Mr. Lu is not and has never been overweight. So why is he at risk?

Many Asian Americans like Mr. Lu can have prediabetes without being overweight. New health guidelines state that Asian Americans with a BMI (body mass index) of 23 or greater are at risk for getting diabetes and should get a checkup. BMI is a number that helps you know if you are in the healthy range for your height and weight. How much fat you have around your waist, how often you exercise, what you eat, and having a family member with diabetes also affect your risk of prediabetes.

The good news is that you can prevent prediabetes. Small changes in your life can make all the difference. To start, practice these healthy habits regularly:

- **Choose healthier foods.** Eat fewer packaged foods that are high in fat, salt, and sugar, and control portion sizes. Drink more water and avoid sweetened drinks.

- **Be active for at least one hour each day.** You can break this down to short walks, stretches, and a light jog at different times of the day.

- **De-stress and rest well.** Find ways to relax during stressful times and get enough sleep to help keep a healthy weight.

- **Meet with your doctor.** Your doctor will keep you informed about your health and work with you to get the care you need.

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As the days get colder and shorter, it can be easy to kick back on the couch. Whether you go outdoors or stay inside, try to fit physical activity into your schedule. Here are some ideas for the whole family:

**Play outside with your kids.**
Make snow angels, play Frisbee, or have a snowball fight. Be sure to dress in layers and cover your fingers, ears, and head.

**Watch TV actively.**
Instead of sitting, try stretching, standing on one leg, or doing leg squats with your back against a wall. For a low-impact exercise, switch between sitting down and standing up from a sturdy chair.

**Turn chores into a workout.**
Use wide movements when cleaning the shower or wiping furniture. If you can, take the stairs when carrying laundry or groceries. Give yourself a time limit and put on fast music.

**Be creative with your exercise.**
Follow a workout video online. Create a stack of cards with an exercise on each one, take turns choosing a card, and do that exercise. It can be as easy as taking the stairs instead of the elevator at the subway station.

Snacks like buns and cake taste good, but are often fatty and sugary. Have a whole wheat mini bagel, hard-boiled egg, fruit, or yogurt instead. Want to get creative? Try this:

**Teddy Bear Toast**

Spread peanut butter on a slice of whole wheat toast. Top it with slices of banana for the ears and snout. Use raisins or blueberries for the eyes and nose.

Staying active and eating well can improve your mood and boost your immune system, especially during winter. No matter the season, try to stay active and eat healthy.
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