

What is diabetes?

Diabetes is a common, serious, and costly disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported that diabetes is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. And about one-third of people with diabetes are unaware they have the disease.

The rate of diabetes has increased dramatically among people in Gogebic and Iron Counties. Recent statistics for our two-county area show that about 10.1% of our residents have diabetes, either diagnosed by a medical professional, or undiagnosed. This number rises to almost 20% for citizens over age 65.

Locally, we also rank high in the incidences of obesity and physical inactivity. These lifestyle measures, combined with the fact that our area has a large percentage of older citizens, lead to an expected continued rise in both prevalence and incidence of diabetes.

Diabetes is called a lifestyle disease. It can be controlled by making changes in our lifestyle - changing our eating habits, increasing our level of physical activity, and losing excess weight. These lifestyle changes can control and even prevent some of the complication of diabetes.

The good news for residents of the Gogebic Range is that programs like *Dining with Diabetes* can help you make these changes in your life. Taking an active role in understanding your diabetes, following a meal plan, and increasing your physical activity are the first steps in controlling your blood sugar level.

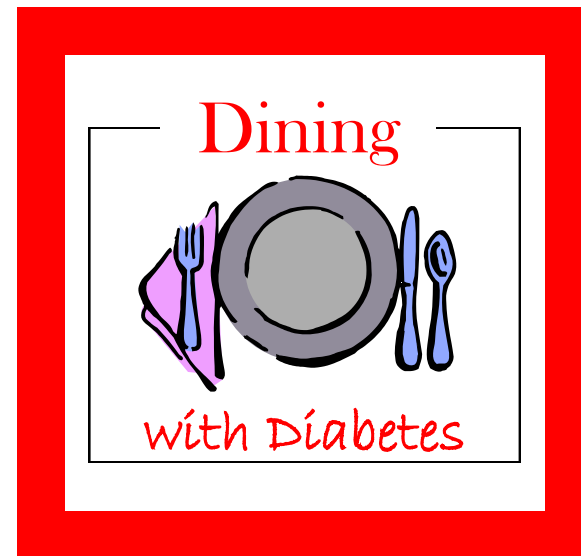
Dining with Diabetes will teach you how to prepare meals that are good for you and that taste good, too.

We'll give you an opportunity to sample recipes. And you will have an opportunity to practice low-impact exercises and learn about various tests that are important for persons who have diabetes.

Now is the time to take charge of your diabetes.

Dining with Diabetes is supported locally by the Iron County Health Department, Gogebic County MSU Extension, and Grand View Health System, with funding provided by the *Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention & Control Program*.

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A Program For People With Diabetes And Their Families

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What is Dining with Diabetes?

- A free program for people with diabetes and their family members.
- A series of four classes (with a follow-up class in December).
- Classes include diabetes education, nutrition, recipe demonstrations, and samples of each recipe prepared.



When are classes?

Monday, Sept. 20

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Monday, Sept. 27

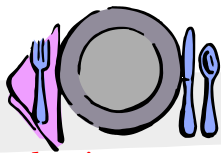
Wednesday, Sept. 29

5 - 7:30 p.m.

*We ask that you arrive early (4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) for the **first** session - it will be an opportunity for you to have a Hgb-A1C (blood glucose) test, and blood pressure check, free of charge.*

Where are classes held?

Dining with Diabetes classes will be held in the Main Meeting Room of the **Iron County Courthouse** in Hurley. Signs will be posted.



Who are the instructors?

Jeanne Peterson, Registered Nurse (R.N.) and Diabetes Educator, Grand View Health System

Jaimee Thomas, Registered Dietician (R.D.)

Geneva Smiles, B.S., Community Health & Wellness Coordinator, Grand View Health System

Zona Wick, R.N., M.S., BSN, Director, Iron County (WI) Health Department

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How do I sign up?

- There is no charge to attend *Dining with Diabetes*; however you must attend all four class sessions. There will also be a follow-up session on December 13.
- Pre-registration is necessary so that we know how many people to expect:

please pre-register by calling
UW-Extension at 561-2695 or
1-888-561-2695 or
MSU Extension at (906) 663-4045

***Please pre-register early, -
class size is limited!***

How can I learn more?

To learn more about
Dining with Diabetes call:
GVHS Health Line - (906) 932-2443
Iron County Health Department -
(715) 561-2191 or 1-888-561-2191
MSU Extension, Gogebic County -
(906) 663-4045



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