

# If, after an overnight fast

(nothing but water for 8-12 hours),

# your blood sugar is....

- **→** Between 60 and 99, you are in the normal range.
- **→** Between 100 and 125, you have PRE-diabetes.
- → At 126 or higher, you may have diabetes.

# Even if you have pre-diabetes, you can prevent or delay diabetes!







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### Take the risk test:

(Check each one that applies)

- Do you have a parent, brother or sister with diabetes?
- Are you Alaska Native, American Indian, African-American, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander?
- Are you overweight?
- Do you get too little physical activity?
- Do you have high blood pressure?
- Do you have high cholesterol?
- Did you have a baby that weighed 9 pounds or more at birth?

If you checked more than one, ACT NOW!

# Take action now - it's worth it!

Ask your doctor, nurse or community health aide if you have pre-diabetes (or diabetes)

#### To reduce your pre-diabetes and diabetes risk:

#### **EAT HEALTHY**

#### **EAT MORE**

- Whole fruits: 1½ 2 cups a day
- Vegetables: 2½ 3 cups a day
- Whole grain foods
- Drink water
- Eat every 4-5 hours

#### **EAT LESS**

- Candy, cookies, cake, pie, ice cream & other sweets
- Chips, french fries & other salty, fatty foods
- Soda or sweetened juices
- Second helpings

#### GET ENOUGH SLEEP...

- Most people need 7 to 9 hours
- See your doctor if you have trouble sleeping

#### QUIT SMOKING...

- · Keep on quitting until you are smoke-free
- Increase physical activity
- Call the Alaska Tobacco Quit Line 1 888 842 QUIT. It's free!

# TREAT HIGH CHOLESTEROL...

MAINTAIN A HEALTHY WEIGHT...

• If you are overweight, a 5-15 lb weight loss can help

- · Take your medication every day, if prescribed
- · Choose healthy fats
- · Increase physical activity

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#### **MANAGE STRESS...**

- Eliminate unnecessary stress
- Be more active to feel better
- Find ways to relax
- Talk to your doctor or a counselor

#### TREAT HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE...

- · Take your medication every day, if prescribed
- · Limit salt (sodium) intake
- · Increase physical activity



### INCREASE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TO AT LEAST 150 MINUTES EVERY WEEK

- Start slow and increase activity every day
- Work up to 30-60 minutes, 5 days a week
- Cleaning and yard work count!
- The more you move, the better you'll be

# Keep your habits healthy!

Go to http://www.diabetes.org/pre-diabetes.jsp for more pre-diabetes and diabetes information