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## Speed-cure colds and flu!

No matter how hard you try not to, odds are you'll come down with a few stuffy-headed colds—or even the flu!—between now and April. Fortunately, with a few study-proven home remedies, you can feel better fast!

## Up your defenses with elderberry

Keeping a bottle of elderberry extract tucked away in your cabinet could help you recover from your next winter illness in record time! In one study, taking 2 tsp. daily of elderberry extract cured viral infecions-including influenza-in as ittle as three days for most of the vomen studied! Elderberries are acked with anthocyanins, unique compounds that stimulate immune ells to work harder and faster at lestroying viruses.

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#### Speed your recovery with ginseng tea

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#### KO troublemakers with hot baths

ruses are surprisingly sensitive to eat, the reason your body often oikes a fever when it's battling one. nd you can help by soaking in a ot, steamy bath for 20 minutes

each day! According to University of Pittsburgh researchers, this relaxing move raises your body temperature enough to zap so many germs, you're apt to be back on your feet four days faster than average. "Inhaling that steam is also a great way to prevent complications like sinusitis and bronchitis because it reduces inflammation, opens up congested sinuses and promotes drainage," says Jordan S. Josephson, M.D., medical director of the New York Nasal and Sinus Center.

## Up your antibodies by napping

If you feel groggy and tired when you're ill, don't hesitate to lie down for a little snooze. Napping when you're under the weather can boost your ability to trounce cold and flu viruses up to 50%, Cornell University studies suggest. Sleep is your body's prime time for producing antibodies, protein molecules that latch onto invading germs, so it's impossible for them to sneak inside healthy body cells, explains Jacob Teitelbaum, M.D., author of From Fatigued to Fantastic.

#### Tame your symptoms with tomato soup

True, chicken noodle soup can help you feel better-but tomato soup is even more effective, reports the International Journal of Molecular Sciences. One cup daily can reduce the severity of your symptoms,

lycopene in cooked tomatoes delivers that extra germ-fighting punch.

#### Ease away aches with avocado

If a viral infection is making you feel miserable all over, try eating half an avocado daily. They're brimming with oleic acid, a healthy fat that suppresses the inflammation that flares when your immune system is working overtime. Plus, including oleic acid in a tomato-rich meal helps you absorb 260% more of the

immunity-boosting lycopene in the tomatoes, say Ohio State University researchers, so you'll bounce back

## Recover sooner with your favorite snacks

Is it feed a cold, starve a fever? Or starve a cold, feed a fever? It's neither-so go ahead and snack! UCLA researchers say grabbing a bite between meals if you're hungry—so your blood sugar stays steady all day-helps keep your immune system fueled and energized 24/7, speeding your recovery 32%.

-Brenda Kearns

#### Feel better in five minutes!

If cold or flu germs are making your body ache, spend five minutes giving yourself a finger massage. This relaxing treatment stimulates the release of painkilling endorphins, which can chase away virus-triggered discomfort for up to two hours. To do: Firmly massage each finger in turn, from base to tip, including the joints, while visualizing your aches being released through your fingertips.



### Recover faster with Creamy Avocado and Tomato Soup

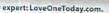
Caught a cold or the flu? This richly flavored soup can help nurse you back to health, thanks to its generous doses of lycopene from cooked tomatoes and oleic acid from avocado, nutrients proven to help send viruses packing!

1 Tbs. olive oil 2 Tbs. tomato paste 3/4 cup chopped 2 tsp. sugar onion 1/2 tsp. salt 2 cloves 1/2 tsp. jarlic, minced black pepper cups 1/2 tsp. hicken broth

dried thyme 2 large avocados, peeled, halved, pitted

 In large pot, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion; cook, stirring frequently, until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 minute. Stir in broth, tomatoes and their juice, tomato paste, sugar, salt, pepper and thyme. Over medium high, bring soup to boil. Reduce heat; simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat; cool 10 minutes. Cut 1 1/2 avocados into cubes;

add to tomato mixture. In blender, in batches, with lid on, purée until smooth. Add puréed soup back to pot; reheat before serving Serve soup garnished with remaining avocado, sliced. Makes 6 servings.



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