ZONE TOOL | High Blood Pressure

Remember:

- ✓ Keep your doctors' appointments.
- ✓ Take all of your medications to each doctors' appointment.
- ✓ Ask your doctor about getting a pneumonia vaccine.
- ✓ Get a flu shot and COVID vaccine every year.

GREEN Zone: Great Control

- High blood pressure usually does NOT have any symptoms
- · No headaches, nose bleeds
- · Blood pressure is within goal of:

_____ systolic (top number) _____ diastolic (bottom number)

GREEN Zone Means I Should:



- · Your symptoms are under control
- · Actions:
 - Take medicines as ordered
 - Check blood pressure periodically
 - Keep weight under control
 - Follow healthy eating habits
 - Exercise regularly

YELLOW Zone: Warning

Call Your Physician!

- Repeated blood pressures outside of your normal range – remember, very high blood pressures will not have symptoms
- · Ringing in the ears
- · Headache
- · Lightheadedness
- Nausea
- · Shortness of breath
- Heart palpitations (a fast-beating, fluttering, or pounding heart)
- · Nose Bleed
- Anxiety

YELLOW Zone Means I Should:



- · You may need your medicines changed
- · Actions:
 - Stop vigorous exercise
 - Call your home health nurse

(agency's phone number)

Or call your doctor

(doctor's phone number)

RED Zone: Emergency

- · Severe chest pain
- Severe headache, accompanied by confusion and blurred vision
- · Nausea and vomiting
- · Severe anxiety
- Severe shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or understanding
- Sudden numbness or weakness in face, arm, or leg
- Seizures
- Unresponsiveness

RED Zone Means I Should:



- · Act Fast... High Blood Pressure is Serious!
- Call 9-1-1 and request an ambulance to the Emergency Department



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MY BLOOD PRESSURE LOG

Try these tips for keeping track of your blood pressure at home:

- Always take your blood pressure at the same time every day.
- Take at least two readings, one or two minutes apart.
- Visit <u>cdc.gov/bloodpressure</u> to learn how to correctly measure your blood pressure.



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