## MYC "ZONE 2" Cardio February Challenge:

February 1st - February 28th

## Why Zone 2?

This exercise stimulates one's heart and lungs to function above and beyond normal activities of living.

## Use the "talk test" to determine what zone you are in:

**Zone 1:** You can speak just like you would do at your desk or in a quiet place (the easiest zone). That is 55 - 72% of heart rate maximum.

\*Zone 2\* You are breathing a little harder and the person on the other end of a phone call would know that you are working out. That is 72% - 82% of Heart Rate Maximum.

**Zone 3:** You are forcing it and having a hard time keeping a conversation going. That is 82% -87% of Heart Rate Maximum.

**Zone 4 and 5 (the hardest zone):** You are only able to get out yes or no answers. That is 87% - 97% of Heart Rate Maximum.

## **Rules/Tracking:**

- > 300+ minutes per week in zone 2 wins a protein shaker bottle
- ➤ 2x/week in zone 2 for 30+ minutes each wins a cooling towel (Choose any form of cardio exercise you like; Walking, Swimming, Zumba, Cycling, etc.)

At the end of challenge, data needs to show proof of minutes. Photo submissions for tracking will take place the week of 3/3 - 3/7. A link will be provided in a registration confirmation email.

**Eligibility:** All Employees (regardless of health plan status) and retirees on the YourChoice Health Plan

Scan QR Code to register. Registration ends 2/7.





