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Nunavut promotes easy, healthy recipes

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Shopping for healthy store-bought food is easy.

That's the message the health and social services department of the Government of Nunavut sent out to all Nunavut communities, which have received 10 new recipes for healthy meals.

These include recipes for fish chowder, stir fries, baked omelette, meaty macaroni, barley soup, roast pork, pizza, caribou stew, baked Arctic char and chicken and rice or peas.

Every month, for the next 10 months, a new recipe will be featured in stores, including Arctic Ventures and North Mart in Iqaluit.

That means stores will put the recipes in flyers, put items on sale and let people taste test the foods.

"There's been quite a positive response," Nunavut's territorial nutritionist, Jennifer Wakegijig said of the fish chowder recipe released Sept. 20.

The goal: to teach people cooking skills and to help people find ways to cook confidently with store-bought foods.

"A variety of skills are included in here that people have told us they need," she said.

Nunavut residents want to learn how to roast meat, such as whole chickens.

So, there's a picture of every step of the recipe in step-by-step booklets "to try to really make people feel confident that they can do this."

The recipes include big colourful pictures, the amount of servings, how long the food takes to prepare and cook and food safety tips.

"Peas rich in fibre. Fibre helps us stay full longer," reads one tip.

There are also food safety tips indicating the importance of proper hand washing.

"Sometimes we learn that people aren't sure how to cut up certain vegetables or which parts you eat and which part you throw away. We're hoping that through seeing these recipes and trying them out, people will start to gain confidence in those skills," Wakegijig said.



Iqaluit Northmart store manager Rick McDougall, the Government of Nunavut's nutritionist Jennifer Wakegijig, and Arctic Co-operatives Ltd. regional manager Stephane Daigle unveil the recipe pamphlets for 10 new recipes being distributed to Nunavut communities. The goal of the recipes is to teach people how to make healthy choices at the checkout counter at grocery stores and co-ops. (PHOTO BY SAMANTHA DAWSON)



The recipes are offered in all official languages and are available from community health workers and online (PHOTO BY SAMANTHA DAWSON)

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