

# **Eye Health**Self-Management Plan

#### **General Health Guidelines:**

- Get an annual eye exam per your Primary Care Physician's orders
- Know your family eye health history
- Eat right to protect your sight
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Wear protective eyewear when gardening, playing sports, or using household chemicals
- Don't smoke
- Reduce eye strain by limiting computer use
- Wash your hands thoroughly
- Avoid rubbing or touching your eyes
- Wear sunglasses to protect eyes from the sun's ultraviolet rays

### **Green Flags — All Clear**



### What this means...

If you have:

No eye pain

Your symptoms are under control

#### Clear vision

## **Yellow Flags — Caution**



Keep up the great work!

#### What this means...

#### If you have:

- Red, dry, itchy, irritated, burning and/or tearing eyes
- Blurry or cloudy vision
- Bump or spot (white, red, yellow, or brown) along the inner eyelid
- Whites of your eyes turn yellow
- A small blind spot in your vision
- Shimmering lights or wavy lines in your vision
- Disappearing eyebrows
- Seeing halos around lights
- White of your eye turns red
- Thick green or white discharge
- Difficulty closing one eye

#### You may have:

- Allergies
- Computer vision syndrome
- A stye (bump) caused by a bacterial infection
- A chalazia (small lump)
- High cholesterol
- Jaundice
- Cataracts
- Over- or under-active thyroid gland
- A liver condition
- Ocular migraine
- Bell's palsy

Call your doctor, consulting nurse, or eye doctor if symptoms do not improve.

Name:

Number:

Instructions:

If you notice a Yellow Flag, work closely with your health care team.

## Red Flags—Stop and Think What this means...

#### If you have:

- Sudden vision loss in one or both eyes
- Sudden pain in vour eve
- Sudden double vision
- Eye injury

# This indicates you need to be evaluated immediately.

Physician:

Number:

Instructions:

If you notice a Red Flag, call 911. Emergency!

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