

## RIB-STICKING MEATLOAF

Makes 6 Servings

## **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 medium carrot, grated on the small holes of a box grater (1/3 to ½ generous cup)
- 1/2 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1/3 cup finely chopped fresh basil
- 1/3 cup pasta sauce plus 3 tablespoons, divided
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 green onions, white and light green parts, very finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean or higher)

## **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat the oven to  $375^{\circ}$ F. Place a cooling rack over a rimmed baking sheet and then cover with aluminum foil. Poke small holes every inch or so in a  $7 \times 5^{1/2}$ -inch rectangular shape; spray with nonstick cooking spray.
- 2. Place the egg, carrot, oats, basil, 1/3 cup of the pasta sauce, Parmesan cheese, green onions, garlic, salt, and pepper in a large bowl and stir to combine. Add the beef and mix with your clean hands until combined.
- 3. Place the meat mixture on the prepared foil-lined pan and form into a 7 x  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rectangle.
- 4. Bake until an instant-read meat thermometer registers 160°F, about 35 minutes. Remove from oven, spread the remaining 3 tablespoons pasta sauce evenly on top, and bake an additional 5 minutes, until the sauce is heated and the meatloaf is completely cooked.
- 5. Remove from oven and cool about 20 minutes. Slice and serve, or wrap in foil and refrigerate. Slice and re-heat when ready to serve or re-wrap, label, and freeze.

## Nutrition Information per Serving:

200 calories, 9g fat (3.5g saturated), 280mg sodium, 9g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 19g protein, 45% vitamin A, 15% iron

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