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Plan to quit.

Did you know that people who smoke a pack a day spend more than \$2,000 a year on cigarettes on average? And almost 70% of smokers say they want to quit completely. Save money for things that matter and improve your health. You can quit smoking for good today with the right help. Resources are available at quitnow.net.



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Mammograms save lives.

Don't be afraid of this screening.

Many women with breast cancer have no symptoms. This is why regular breast cancer screenings are so important. A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast used to check for breast cancer. Women should get one every 2 years starting at age 50.

You may have heard that having a mammogram can be uncomfortable. During the X-ray, you may feel some pressure or pain as 2 plates flatten your breast. But getting checked is fast, and any discomfort is over quickly. Don't be afraid to schedule your screening. It can save your life!

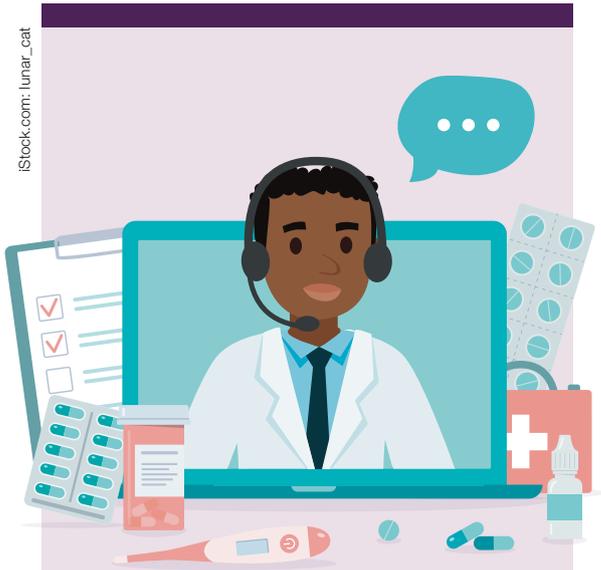


Schedule your screening. If you have any concerns about getting a mammogram, give us a call toll-free at the phone number on the back of your member ID card. We can also help with scheduling an appointment or finding a provider.

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Telehealth visits.

You may have concerns when it comes to visiting your doctor in person these days. But it's important to continue to meet with a health care provider and stay on top of your health. Scheduling a telehealth visit can help you do this from the safety and comfort of your home. You may also be able to meet with a provider online for urgent needs 24 hours a day, 7 days week.

What is telehealth?

Telehealth is a visit with a provider using a computer, tablet or phone instead of going into the doctor's office. Ask your provider if they offer telehealth services. Telehealth can be a good option for:

- Asking questions about your symptoms.
- Getting advice to help manage your condition(s).
- Getting medicines prescribed and sent to your pharmacy.



Take care of your mental health.

It's perfectly natural to feel anxious, stressed or frustrated when there is uncertainty in your life. Here are 5 tips for how to cope during stressful times.

- 1. Establish a routine.** Come up with a way to structure your days. Set up a plan for exercise, connecting with others and doing daily tasks.
- 2. Try a relaxing activity.** Find things that help you manage your stress. Try deep breathing, stretching or meditation. Drawing or coloring can also be calming.
- 3. Stay connected.** It's OK to turn to friends, family or health care providers for emotional or other support. Use technology to stay in touch. Use video chat to "see" people if you can't meet up in person.
- 4. Set boundaries.** While it's important to have up-to-date, reliable information, you should limit your time watching and reading the news if it makes you feel anxious.
- 5. Keep up with healthy habits.** Your physical health is an important part of your mental health. Avoid using tobacco, alcohol or other drugs as a way to manage stress. Get plenty of rest and physical activity.



Take care. Find articles, self-care tools, caring providers, and more mental health and substance use resources at **LiveandWorkWell.com**. You can also call our toll-free help line at **1-866-342-6892, TTY 711**.

Test your COVID-19 and flu IQ.

Know the myths and facts.

We're challenging UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members to a game of trivia in Trivia Outbreak, a free online game. You can earn a high score with your knowledge of entertainment, sports, history and more. First, test your knowledge of flu and COVID-19 myths below. Then visit [TriviaOutbreak.myuhc.com](https://www.myuhc.com/triviaoutbreak) to play the online game.

True or False?

- 1** COVID-19 mainly spreads through contact with surfaces.

False. COVID-19 is mainly spread from person to person. It spreads through respiratory droplets that travel through the air when people sneeze, cough or talk.

- 2** If I got a flu shot last year, I still need to get one this year.

True. Your immune protection from the flu vaccine decreases over time. Everyone aged 6 months and older should get a flu shot each year.

As fall and winter approach, it's important not to forget about the seasonal flu. Be sure to get your flu shot this season. Getting your flu shot helps protect you and your community from getting sick.

- 3** To be effective, you need to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.

True. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds every time you return home from a public place. Also wash your hands after blowing your nose, sneezing or coughing. Try singing "Happy Birthday" in your head from beginning to end twice while you wash your hands. This will ensure you spend at least 20 seconds washing.

- 4** Hand sanitizer works better than traditional soap because it has alcohol in it.

False. Handwashing is the gold standard. It is more effective than hand sanitizer at removing and killing viruses and germs on your hands. Consider hand sanitizer a portable option for times when you don't have access to soap and water.



It's your best shot. There is no cost to you for flu shots. You can get one at your primary care provider's (PCP's) office or any clinic or pharmacy that accepts your plan. Visit [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://www.myuhc.com/CommunityPlan) to find a location near you.





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Grow up healthy.

Checkups are important as your child develops.

It's important to have well-child visits with your child's primary care provider (PCP) on time. These visits may also be called checkups or Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) visits. Children need regular well-child visits as they age to make sure they are healthy. They also need to get screened for lead, hearing, and to make sure they are developing normally.

Lead level screening.

Lead is often found in plumbing or paint in older homes. If a child inhales or swallows lead, this could cause lead poisoning. Lead poisoning can cause slow growth or developmental problems in children. Experts recommend testing for lead levels at ages 1 and 2. The test is done using a few drops of blood.

Hearing screening.

This screening shows if your child has hearing loss. Hearing screenings are not painful. Hearing screenings should take place no later than 1 month of age. If your baby does not pass the screening, you need to schedule a full hearing test by the time they are 3 months old.

Developmental and Autism screenings.

These are screenings and tests that make sure children are developing properly. You will need to answer questions about your child, or have your child take a brief test. These screenings look at how your child is developing in the following areas:

- Movement.
- Language.
- Behavior.
- Thinking.
- Emotions.

Experts recommend a developmental screening at:

- 9 months.
- 18 months.
- 24 or 30 months.



Time for a checkup? If your child is due for a checkup, call to make an appointment today. If you need help finding a new provider, we can help. Call Member

Services toll-free at the phone number on the back of your member ID card.

Resource corner.

Member Services: Find a doctor, ask benefit questions or get help scheduling an appointment, in any language (toll-free).

Medicaid/CHIP: 1-800-493-4647, TTY 711

Wellness4Me: 1-866-433-3413, TTY 711

Essential Plan: 1-866-265-1893, TTY 711

Our website: Find a provider, view your benefits or see your ID card, wherever you are.

myuhc.com/CommunityPlan

Quit For Life®: Get help quitting smoking at no cost (toll-free).

1-866-784-8454, TTY 711

quitnow.net

Healthy First Steps®: Get support throughout your pregnancy. Get rewards for timely prenatal and well-baby care (toll-free).

1-800-599-5985, TTY 711

UHHealthyFirstSteps.com

Live and Work Well: Find articles, self-care tools, caring providers, and more mental health and substance use resources.

LiveandWorkWell.com

Prefer email? Call Member Services at the phone number on the back of your member ID card and give us your email address. We can send important health plan information directly to your inbox (toll-free).

COVID-19



Important Message from UnitedHealthcare on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Your health and wellbeing is our number one priority. That's why we want to make sure you stay informed about Coronavirus (COVID-19). We're working with and following the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We're also in touch with state and local public health departments. For the most up-to-date information and resources about prevention, coverage, care and support please visit UHCCommunityPlan.com/covid-19.

How can I protect myself from COVID-19?

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. As with any potential illness, like the flu, it is important to follow good prevention practices, including:

- Hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds or use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Try to stay away from people who might be sick.
- Do not share cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect often touched surfaces.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- While a flu shot does not stop COVID-19, it's still good to protect yourself against the flu. Contact your primary care provider and schedule your flu shot.

Stay informed on the latest advice:

- For the most updated information about COVID-19, visit the CDC's COVID-19 page cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov



Five steps to wash your hands the right way

Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. During the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping hands clean is especially important to help prevent the virus from spreading.

Washing your hands is easy, and it's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another and throughout an entire community—from your home and workplace to childcare facilities and hospitals.

Follow these five steps every time

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Learn more about regular handwashing at [cdc.gov/handwashing](https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing).

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

ATTENTION: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711. English

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711.	Spanish/ Español
注意：您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711。	Chinese/ 中文
ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 1-800-493-4647 رقم هاتف الصم والبكم TTY/711.	Arabic/ اللغة العربية
주의: 무료 언어 지원 서비스를 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711로 전화하시기 바랍니다.	Korean/ 한국어
ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-800-493-4647 (телетайп: TTY/711).	Russian/ Русский
ATTENZIONE: Nel caso in cui la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711.	Italian/ Italiano
ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711.	French/ Français
ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711.	French Creole/ Kreyòl ki soti nan Fransè
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PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyong pantulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711.	Tagalog
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KUJDES: Nëse flitni shqip, për ju ka në dispozicion shërbime të asistencës gjuhësore, pa pagesë. Telefononi në 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711.	Albanian/ Shqip
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