



# Health Talk



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## Find help near you



Did you know you can simply call **211** to get information about local resources? Calling the United Way at **211** can provide information for help with paying bills, finding food and locating other resources near you.

## We care for you

We give our providers tools, so they can best care for our members. These tools are called clinical practice guidelines. They tell the providers about how to manage illnesses and promote wellness. The guidelines cover care for a variety of illnesses and conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure and depression. They also give information on how to stay well with proper diet, exercise and recommended vaccines.



**Learn more.** For more information, visit [uhcprovider.com/cpg](http://uhcprovider.com/cpg).

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Healthy mind,  
healthy body

## Racism and mental health

Over the past year, the media has shared stories of police brutality, hate crimes and other forms of racial discrimination. Talking about the effects of racism isn't always easy. But let's start the conversation. If racism is taking a toll on your mental health, you're not alone. Help is available.

If you think you are experiencing race-based trauma or stress, you can get help from a multicultural or racial trauma-informed therapist. These therapists work to create an open, culturally affirming and empowering space for you to heal.

It's important to find a mental health provider you feel comfortable talking with and trust. This is important for preventive care, too. You should see your primary care provider every year for an annual wellness visit. This gives your provider a chance to catch problems early, when they are easier to treat.



**Find a provider.** We can help you find a mental health or primary care provider who is a good fit for you. Visit [myuhc.com/communityplan](https://myuhc.com/communityplan).

# 5-can soup

## A simple and satisfying recipe

Making a delicious and hearty soup this fall is as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Simply combine and heat these pantry staples, and you'll have a healthy dinner on the table in less than 20 minutes. This recipe serves 6 and costs less than \$5.

Ingredients	Approximate cost (Walmart)
1 14.5-ounce can diced tomatoes	\$0.72
1 15-ounce can corn	\$0.50
1 19-ounce can ready-to-serve minestrone soup	\$1.42
1 15-ounce can mixed vegetables	\$0.58
1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained	\$0.72

### Instructions

1. Mix all ingredients in a large pot
2. Warm on stove over medium heat until warmed through (about 10–15 minutes)

### Seasoned cook tip

Make the recipe your own by adding spices (to taste) for more flavor. Garlic, cumin and chili powder will give the soup more of a kick. Italian seasoning, salt and pepper will give it a more savory and earthy taste.

Recipe source: WW



**Go online.** For more healthy fall recipes, visit [healthtalkrecipes.myuhc.com](https://healthtalkrecipes.myuhc.com). You'll also find a short video about which foods are best to buy frozen.



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## Fight the flu

### It's time for your annual flu vaccine

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months and older get the flu vaccine each year. It is available in the fall and winter months. It is the first and most important step in protecting you and your family against the flu.

If you have not gotten the COVID-19 vaccine yet, talk to your provider about when you should get it. The FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective for most people ages 12 and older.



**It's your best shot.** There is no cost to you for the flu or COVID-19 vaccines.

You can get them at any clinic or pharmacy that accepts your plan. Visit [myuhc.com/communityplan](https://myuhc.com/communityplan) to find a location near you.

# Stay well

## Catch up on adolescent well visits and vaccines

Due to COVID-19, many children are behind on their well visits and vaccines. If your child missed their back-to-school checkup this year, it is not too late to make it up.

Well visits are needed all throughout childhood – from babies to teens. These visits may include:

- A physical exam
- Vaccines
- Sight and hearing tests
- Discussion of physical activity and nutrition
- Developmental screenings for speech, feeding and physical activity
- Questions about your child's health and health history
- Lab tests, such as urine and blood tests

During the well visit, ask your child's provider if your child is up to date with their vaccines. Staying on schedule with vaccinations protects your child as well as others from getting sick. If your child missed any of their vaccines this year, it's not too late to make them up.



**Get checked.** Call your child's provider to make an appointment for a well visit. To find a new provider, visit [myuhc.com/communityplan](https://myuhc.com/communityplan).

Or call Member Services toll-free at the phone number listed in the resource corner on page 4 of this newsletter.





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# Know your risk

Breast cancer and cervical cancer are 2 of the most common types of cancer in women. Here are some factors that may put you at an increased risk for getting them.

## Resource corner

**Member Services:** Find a provider, ask benefit questions or get help scheduling an appointment, in any language (toll-free).  
**1-800-895-2017, TTY 711**

**Our website:** Find a provider, view your benefits or see your ID card, wherever you are.  
**myuhc.com/communityplan**

**NurseLine:** Get health advice from a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (toll-free).  
**1-800-542-8630, TTY 711**

**Quit For Life®:** Get help quitting smoking at no cost to you (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**  
**uhchealthyfirststeps.com**

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

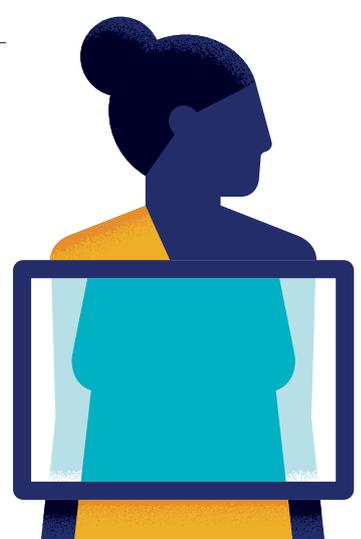
Breast cancer risk factors	Cervical cancer risk factors
Are age 50 or older	Have been infected with human papillomavirus (HPV)
Started your period before age 12 or started menopause after age 55	Have had other sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
Have a mother, sister or daughter who has had breast cancer	Have a mother, sister or daughter who has had cervical cancer
Are not physically active	Have had many sexual partners
Drink alcohol or smoke	Smoke

It's important for all women to get screened for these cancers as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Screenings can help catch them in their early stages, when they are easier to treat.

Breast cancer screening guidelines	Cervical cancer screening guidelines
Mammograms, which are an X-ray of the breast, should be done every 1 to 2 years for women age 50 or older.	Women between the ages of 21 and 29 should get a Pap smear every 3 years, then Pap and HPV tests every 5 years between the ages of 30 and 65. Testing can end at age 65 for women with a history of normal results.



**Make a screening plan.** Talk to your provider about screening for breast cancer and cervical cancer. If you need to find a provider, we can help. Call Member Services toll-free at the phone number listed in the resource corner to the left. Or visit **myuhc.com/communityplan**.



We provide services at no cost to help you communicate with us. Such as, letters in other languages or large print, auxiliary aids and services, or you can ask for an interpreter. To ask for help, please call **1-800-895-2017** (TTY 711) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST Monday through Friday. (voicemail available 24 hours per day/7 days a week).

Ofrecemos servicios gratuitos para ayudarle a comunicarse con nosotros, como cartas en otros idiomas o en letra grande, ayuda y servicios auxiliares, o bien puede solicitar un intérprete. Para solicitar ayuda, llame al **1-800-895-2017 (TTY 711)**, de 7 a. m. a 7 p. m., hora del este, de lunes a viernes (correo de voz disponible las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana).

نحن نقدم لك خدمات مجانية لمساعدتك على التواصل معنا؛ مثل، توفير الخطابات بلغات أخرى أو بحروف كبيرة، أو المساعدات والخدمات المساعدة، أو يمكن لك أن تطلب الاستعانة بمترجم فوري. لطلب المساعدة، اتصل على الرقم **1-800-895-2017 (الهاتف النصي 711)** من الساعة 7:00 صباحًا إلى 7:00 مساءً بتوقيت شرق الولايات المتحدة من يوم الإثنين حتى الجمعة. (تتوفر خدمة البريد الصوتي على مدار الساعة وطوال أيام الأسبوع).

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