



# Health Talk



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United  
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Community Plan

## Help us improve

We want to know about your experience with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. You may be asked to complete a member survey by phone, mail or email. If you get a survey, please fill it out and let us know what you think. Your responses will be kept private.

## The COVID-19 vaccine

You may be wondering if it is safe to get the COVID-19 vaccine. The U.S. vaccine safety system puts all vaccines through a strict process to make sure they are safe. They are proven to be safe and effective for most people ages 12 and older. Most COVID-19 vaccines require 2 doses.

Get vaccinated when you are eligible. If you have questions about when you are eligible, contact your state health department. We know the vaccine supply may be limited. When the vaccine is available, it is important for everyone who is eligible to get it. This will help reduce the spread of COVID-19.



**It's your best shot.** Visit [UHCCommunityPlan.com/covid-19/vaccine](https://UHCCommunityPlan.com/covid-19/vaccine) for the latest information about the COVID-19 vaccine.



# A healthy pregnancy

## Prenatal and postpartum care are important

The earlier you start your prenatal care — also known as care you receive while pregnant — the better. Early and regular prenatal care can help keep you and your baby healthy. You will get your weight, blood pressure and urine checked at each visit. You will also get to listen to your baby’s heartbeat.

Prenatal appointments will likely be scheduled at the following times:

- Once a month from weeks 4 to 28
- Every 2 weeks from weeks 28 to 36
- Every week from weeks 36 to 40

After you have your baby, you will need to see your provider for postpartum care. If you had a vaginal delivery, see your provider 2 weeks after delivery. If you had a C-section, you may see your provider after 1 week to check your incision. During your visit, your provider will see how your body is healing and check on your mental health. You should also see your provider for a second postpartum appointment 6 weeks after giving birth.



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## Healthy mind, healthy body

### It’s OK to ask for help

Increased stress can lead people to use alcohol and drugs more often. If you or someone you care about is struggling with substance use, help is available.

Getting treatment for substance use can result in a better life. Here are some tips to start recovery:

- **Contact your primary care provider.** They can help you come up with a plan for treatment.
- **Find the right treatment.** Many kinds of help are available. This includes counseling, peer support and medication-assisted treatment (MAT). MAT uses medications along with counseling and behavioral therapies.
- **Get help from family, friends and your community.** Don’t try to get better by yourself. Having people you can turn to for support can help.
- **Add a support group.** Talking with others who have “been there” can be helpful. There are many types of online and in-person groups.



**Here to help.** Contact the behavioral health hotline at **1-800-435-7486**, TTY **711**. They can help you find treatment.

# Prevention is the best medicine

## Regular appointments and screenings can help you take charge of your health

Preventive care is important. It helps keep you and your family healthy. Preventive care includes routine well exams, screenings and vaccines to keep you and your family from getting sick or developing other health problems.

All members of your family over the age of 3 should see their primary care provider once a year for an annual well visit. Children younger than 3 need to see their providers more often to get their recommended vaccines and screenings.

At your annual well visit, ask your provider about screenings and vaccines. Screenings can help catch common illnesses and conditions early, when they are easier to take care of. Vaccines protect against serious diseases that may require time in the hospital. See page 4 for an article about vaccines for children and adults.

### Lead screening

If a child inhales or swallows lead, it could cause lead poisoning. Lead poisoning can cause slow growth and developmental problems. Kids should get lead screening tests at the ages of 1 and 2.

### Developmental and behavioral screenings

These screenings and tests make sure your child is developing properly. They look at your child's movement, language, emotions, behavior and thinking. These screenings should be done when your child is 9 months old, 18 months old, and 24 or 30 months old – or anytime you have a concern.

### Blood pressure screening

Keeping your blood pressure in check is an important part of maintaining good health. Adults should have their blood pressure checked at each well visit.



### Breast cancer screening

Women who are 50 to 74 years old and are at average risk for breast cancer should get a mammogram every 2 years to screen for breast cancer.

### Cervical cancer screening

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 Pap results.

### Colorectal cancer screening

Colorectal cancer screening is recommended for adults ages 50 to 75. There are a few different ways to get screened for colorectal cancer. Options include colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy and at-home stool tests.



**Time for a checkup?** Call your primary care provider today to find out if you are up to date with all recommended screenings and vaccines. Make an appointment to see your provider if you are due for a visit.



## Vaccines save lives

Vaccines are one of the best ways you can protect your family from serious diseases that may require time in the hospital. Both children and adults need to get vaccines. Everyone aged 6 months and older should get a flu shot each year.



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Vaccines for kids (in order of when the first dose should be received)	Shots for babies (birth–18 months)	Booster shots for young children (4–6 years)	Shots for preteens (11–12 years)
Hepatitis B (HepB)	X X X		
Rotavirus (RV)	X X X		
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP)	X X X X	X	X
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	X X X X		
Pneumococcal disease (PCV13)	X X X X		
Polio (IPV)	X X X	X	
Influenza (flu)	yearly	yearly	yearly
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	X	X	
Chickenpox (varicella)	X	X	
Hepatitis A (HepA)	X		
Human papillomavirus (HPV)			X X
Meningococcal disease			X

Vaccines for adults	All ages	Age 50 and older	Age 65 and older
Influenza (flu)	yearly	yearly	yearly
Shingles (herpes zoster)		X X	
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)	every 10 years	every 10 years	every 10 years
Pneumococcal disease			X

## Here comes the sun

### Protect your skin while you're out having fun

Remember to wear sunscreen when you go outside this summer. It protects your skin and reduces your chance of developing skin cancer. Use a sunscreen that is broad-spectrum, water-resistant and has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher.

You should put on sunscreen about 15 minutes before you first go outside. Reapply about every 2 hours or right after swimming or excessive sweating.



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# Know where to get care

## Primary care, virtual visits, urgent care or emergency room?

When you are sick or hurt, you may not want to wait to see a provider. Choosing the right place to go will help you get the treatment you need faster.

### When can your primary care provider take care of you?

For most illnesses and injuries, your primary care provider's office should be the first place you call. They can treat:

- Allergies
- Back pain
- Chronic conditions
- Earache
- Fever
- Sore throat

Your primary care provider may be able to give advice for at-home care. They may also be able to call in a prescription to your pharmacy. You should also see your primary care provider for your annual well visit, basic lab tests and any vaccines you might need.

### When can you use virtual visits?

Ask your provider if they offer virtual visits. If they do, think about using virtual visits for non-life-threatening situations. Virtual visits are good for:

- Cold/flu
- Fever
- Migraine/headaches
- Mild rashes
- Sinus infections
- Behavioral health
- Bronchitis
- Diarrhea

### When should you go to urgent care?

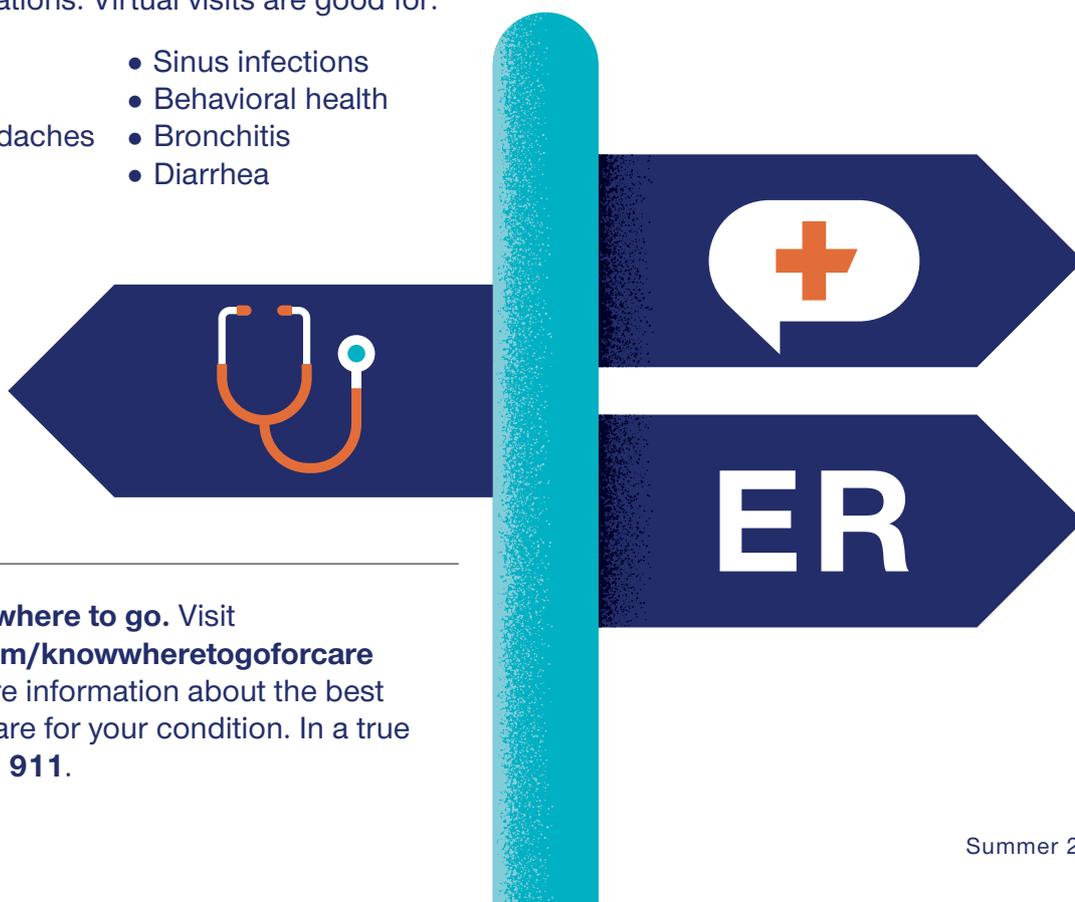
If you cannot get in to see your provider, you could go to an urgent care center. Urgent care centers take walk-in patients. Go there for:

- Animal and insect bites
- Mild asthma symptoms
- Minor burns
- Minor cuts that may need stitches
- Sprains, strains and minor fractures
- Vomiting

### When should you go to a hospital emergency room?

Emergency rooms are for major medical emergencies only. Go there for:

- Broken bones
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Difficulty speaking or walking
- Fainting or feeling suddenly dizzy or weak
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden or severe pain
- Uncontrollable bleeding



**Know where to go.** Visit [uhc.com/knowwheretogoforcure](https://uhc.com/knowwheretogoforcure) for more information about the best place to seek care for your condition. In a true emergency, call **911**.

## Resource corner

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

**1-866-270-5785, TTY 711**

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

**[myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](http://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan)**

**NurseLine:** Get health advice from a nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (toll-free).

**1-866-270-5785, TTY 711**

**California Smokers' Helpline:** Get help quitting smoking at no cost (toll-free).

**1-800-NO-BUTTS**

**[nobutts.org](http://nobutts.org)**

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

**[LiveandWorkWell.com](http://LiveandWorkWell.com)**

### Health Education Materials

**Resource Library:** Access and download health education materials on various wellness topics at **[UHCCommunityPlan.com/CA](http://UHCCommunityPlan.com/CA)**. Materials are available upon request in large print, braille or other languages.

**Transportation:** To obtain transportation for any health plan or Medi-Cal covered services, call us at least 3 business days before your appointment. Or call as soon as you can when you have an urgent appointment.

**1-866-270-5785, TTY 711**

**1-844-772-6623**

**Case Management:** Members with complex needs can receive phone calls and home visits, health education, referrals to community resources, appointment reminders, transportation assistance and more (toll-free).

**1-866-270-5785, TTY 711**



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## Get relief

### Tips for managing allergies and asthma in the summer heat

At certain times of year, the outdoor air is filled with pollen and mold spores. For people with allergies, this can mean a stuffy nose, lots of sneezing and itchy/watery eyes. All of these airborne allergens can make asthma symptoms worse, too.

During the summer, the common triggers for allergies and asthma include grasses, weeds and other late-blooming plants. Here are some tips for managing these conditions during this time of year.

- **Watch the weather.** Dry, warm and windy days tend to be high-pollen times. When possible, save outdoor activities for cool, damp days.
- **Exercise indoors.** By working out indoors, you can stay away from pollen and outdoor molds.
- **Keep windows closed.** Use air-conditioning in your home and car, if possible.



**Take action.** It's important to create an asthma action plan with your primary care provider. Ask whether your plan should be adjusted for the summer allergy season.

### Summer self-care

For many people, taking care of family and friends is part of daily life. But it's important to make time to take care of yourself, too. Visit **[healthtalkselfcare.myuhc.com](http://healthtalkselfcare.myuhc.com)** to download a self-care BINGO card. Do a different self-care activity each day until you score BINGO. Save the card to practice self-care year-round.



UnitedHealthcare Community Plan complies with Federal civil rights laws. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to help you communicate with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters.
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats).
- Provides free language services to people whose first language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters.
  - Information written in other languages.

If you need these services, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your member ID card.

If you believe that UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has not given you these services or treated you differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with Civil Rights Coordinator by:

**Mail:** Civil Rights Coordinator  
UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance  
P.O. Box 30608  
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130

**Email:** [UHC\\_Civil\\_Rights@uhc.com](mailto:UHC_Civil_Rights@uhc.com)

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights by:

**Web:** Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal at  
[https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/cp/complaint\\_confirmation.jsf](https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/cp/complaint_confirmation.jsf)

**Mail:** U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201

**Phone:** Toll-free **1-800-368-1019**, **1-800-537-7697** (TDD).

We provide free services to help you communicate with us. Such as, letters in other languages or large print. Or, you can ask for an interpreter. To ask for help, please call the toll-free member phone number on your health plan member ID card, TTY **711**, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. PST, Monday – Friday.

## English

ATTENTION: If you do not speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call **1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711**.

## Spanish

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición los servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al **1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711**.

## Vietnamese

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số **1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711**.

## Tagalog

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa **1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711**.

## Korean

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. **1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711**번으로 전화해 주십시오.

## Traditional Chinese

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電**1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711**

## Simplified Chinese

请注意：如果您不会说英语，您可以免费获取语言帮助服务。请致电**1-866-270-5785（听障专线：711）**

## Armenian

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## Russian

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните **1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711**

## Farsi

توجه: اگر به زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید، تسهیلات زبانی بصورت رایگان برای شما فراهم می باشد. با **TTY: 711, 1-866-270-5785** تماس بگیرید.

## Japanese

注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。**1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711** まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

## Mon-Khmer

ប្រយ័ត្ន៖ បើសិនជាអ្នកនិយាយ ភាសាខ្មែរ, សេវាជំនួយផ្នែកភាសា ដោយមិនគិតល្អូល គឺអាចមានសំរាប់បំរើអ្នក។ ចូរ  
ទូរស័ព្ទ **1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711**។

**Hmong**

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**1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711.**

**Punjabi**

ਧਿਆਨ ਦਿਓ: ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਮੁਫਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹਨ।  
**1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711** 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

**Arabic**

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث، فاذكر اللغة، حيث إن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية متاحة لك مجانًا. اتصل بالرقم  
**1-866-270-5785** الهاتف النصي **711**.

**Hindi**

ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी बोलते हैं तो आपके लिए मुफ्त में भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं।  
**1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711** पर कॉल करें।

**Thai**

โปรดทราบ: หากท่านพูดภาษาอังกฤษไม่ได้ มีบริการให้ความช่วยเหลือด้านภาษาให้แก่ท่านโดยไม่เสียค่าใช้จ่าย  
โทร **1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711**.

**Laotian**

ໂປດຊາບ: ຖ້າວ່າ ທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາ ລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ເສັຽຄ່າ, ແມ່ນມີພ້ອມໃຫ້ທ່ານ. ໂທ  
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