



# HealthTALK

FALL 2019



## Trick or treat.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most Americans eat and drink too many added sugars. When passing out Halloween treats this fall, consider snacks such as pretzels, popcorn, sugar-free gum and trail mix. These are healthier options than candy.



## Fight the flu.


### Get a flu vaccine this season.

The flu virus is very common. An annual flu shot is the best protection. Everyone aged 6 months and older should get one each year. You need to get a flu shot every year because each flu season is different.



Here are 3 other things you can do this fall to keep from getting the flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Eat well, exercise, drink lots of water and get enough sleep.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

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

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## Smile.

A healthy smile leads to a healthy body. Having good teeth makes it easier to eat nutritious foods. It makes you look better and feel better about yourself. A healthy mouth can help you in many ways. It can prevent serious problems like heart disease and premature birth, increase self-esteem and improve attendance at work and school.

Your dental benefits allow for regular dental checkups. Regular checkups will help keep your teeth and gums healthy. See your dentist every year for preventive dental care. This includes:

- Checkups.
- Cleanings.
- X-rays (if needed).
- Fluoride treatments.

You also have benefits to fix your teeth. This may include fillings, root canals, simple extractions, crowns or other dental work. If you need major dental work done, your dentist may have to check with the health plan first to make sure it will be covered.



**Open wide.** To learn more about the dental benefits your health plan

offers, call Members Services toll-free at the number on the back of your member ID card. Or visit [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan).

# Mammograms save lives.

## Schedule your screening.

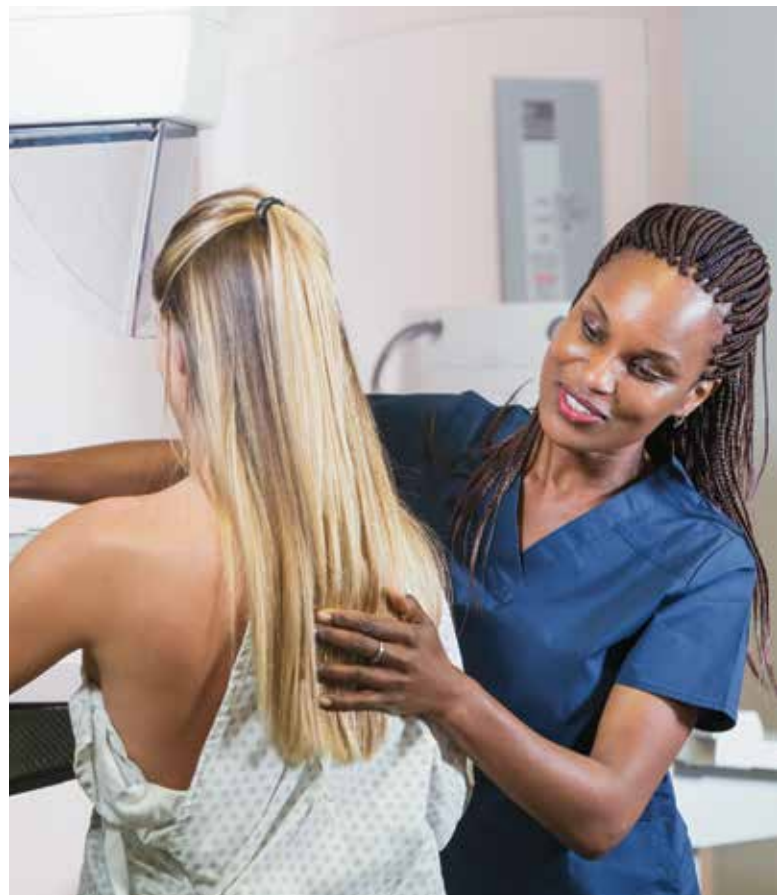
Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women. An estimated 268,600 U.S. women will be diagnosed with it this year.

October is breast cancer awareness month. It is a good time to schedule a mammogram if you are due for one. A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast. It is used to find breast cancer early, before you notice a lump. When caught early, breast cancer is often curable.

Talk to your doctor about your breast cancer risk factors. These include your family and personal health history, ethnicity and lifestyle. The American Cancer Society recommends annual mammograms for women starting at age 40 or 45, depending on risk. Then mammograms every 2 years beginning at age 55. Women at high risk may continue annual screenings after age 55.



**Are you at risk?** Talk to your doctor about your risk factors for breast cancer. For help scheduling an appointment or finding a provider, call Member Services toll-free at the number on the back of your member ID card. Or visit [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan).



## Plan to quit.

Tobacco use is the largest preventable cause of disease and death. There is no safe way to use tobacco. If you use tobacco, consider quitting during the Great American Smokeout®, a national event hosted by the American Cancer Society. This year the event falls on November 21.



**Quitting time?** You can quit smoking for good with the right help. Get telephone support and information by calling the American Cancer Society at **1-800-227-2345, TTY 711**. Or get free help online at **quitnow.net**.



## Let it go.

It's perfectly natural to feel stressed sometimes. Everyone does. Not all stress is bad, but long-term stress can affect your health. That's why it's important to manage it. Here are 4 tips on how to cope with stress:

- 1. Get regular exercise.** Just 30 minutes per day of walking can help boost your mood and reduce stress.
- 2. Try a relaxing activity.** Meditation, yoga and tai chi can be relaxing. Drawing or coloring can also be calming.
- 3. Set goals and priorities.** You don't need to do everything at once. Decide what needs to be done now and what can wait.
- 4. Stay connected.** It's OK to turn to friends, family or health care providers for emotional or other support.



**Relax.** To learn about your behavioral health benefits, call Member Services toll-free at the number on the back of your member ID card.



# Measles is on the rise.

## Is your child protected?

Measles is contagious and can spread quickly. More than 900 cases of measles have been confirmed in 24 states this year. That's almost 9 times the number of cases that were reported in 2017.

The majority of people who get measles are unvaccinated. That's why it is important to be up-to-date on vaccinations.

You can protect your child against measles with a shot that protects against 3 diseases: measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). The MMR vaccine is proven to be safe. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends children get 2 doses of it:

- First dose at 12–15 months.
- Second dose before entering school (ages 4–6).

Outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases are serious. Vaccinate your child and help keep your community safe.



**Ask the doctor.** Ask your child's provider for a copy of their immunization record. Make sure your child has gotten all the shots they need.





## Resource corner.

**Member Services:** Find a doctor, ask benefit questions or voice a complaint, 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 and app:** Find a provider, read your Member Handbook or see your ID card, wherever you are.

[myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan)  
**Health4Me®**

**QuitLine:** Get free help quitting smoking (toll-free).  
[quitnow.net](https://quitnow.net)  
1-800-227-2345, TTY 711

**Healthy First Steps®:** Get support throughout your pregnancy (toll-free).  
1-800-599-5985, TTY 711

**KidsHealth®:** Get reliable information on health topics for and about kids.  
[KidsHealth.org](https://KidsHealth.org)

**Want to receive information electronically?**  
Call Member Services at the number on the back of your member ID card and give us your email address (toll-free).

# Baby be safe.

## Get tested for HIV before giving birth.

Without treatment, 1 out of 4 pregnant women with HIV will give the virus to their babies. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS. Fortunately, there is a treatment that works very well.

Pregnant women who take certain drugs very rarely give their babies HIV. The drugs are called antiretrovirals. Babies also take the drugs for a short time after they are born.

Also, it's important for women with HIV to not breastfeed their babies. This can reduce the number of babies with HIV.

Today, because of prevention and treatment, only a small number of babies are born with HIV in the United States each year.

Are you pregnant or planning to get pregnant? Make sure you get tested for HIV. Your provider needs your permission to test you. Your results are private. Only you can decide who can see them.



**Pregnant?** Need a woman's health care provider?

Visit [myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](https://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan) or call Member Services toll-free at the number on the back of your member ID card.



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- 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)
- 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**

Phone: **1-800-493-4647, TTY 711**

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/portal/lobby.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 Member Services at **1-800-493-4647, TTY 711**, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

## 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
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ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-800-493-4647 (телетайп: TTY/711).	Russian/ Русский
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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
אכטונג: אויב איר רעדט אידיש, זענען פאראן פאר אייך שפראך הילף סערוויסעס פריי פון אפצאל. רופט 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711.	Yiddish/ אידיש
UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711.	Polish/ Polski
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
দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ: যদি আপনার ভাষা "Bengali বাংলা" হয় তাহলে আপনি বিনামূল্যে ভাষা সহায়তা পাবেন। 1-800-493-4647 TTY/711 নম্বরে ফোন করুন।	Bengali/ বাংলা
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