



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.

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 to find nearby locations.

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13655 Riverport Drive
Maryland Heights, MO 63043



Smile.

A healthy smile leads to a healthy body. 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 **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.** Or visit **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 **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.** Or visit **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**.

Be stress-free.

It's perfectly natural to feel stressed sometimes. Everyone does — even kids. For young children, being separated from their parents when at daycare or school can be stressful. As kids get older, schoolwork and social pressures (especially from trying to fit in) can cause them to feel overwhelmed.

How can you help your child cope with stress? Make sure they know they are not alone. Talk with your child about what's bothering them. Help them come up with a solution. This could mean cutting back on extra activities or spending more time together.



Relax. To learn about your behavioral health benefits, call Member Services toll-free at **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**.



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 file a grievance, in any language (toll-free).

1-866-292-0359, TTY 711

Our website and app: Find a provider, read your Member Handbook or see your ID card, wherever you are.

myuhc.com/CommunityPlanHealth4Me

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

1-866-351-6827, TTY 711

Healthy First Steps[®]: Get support throughout your pregnancy (toll-free).

1-877-370-2851, TTY 711

Baby BlocksTM: Get rewards for timely prenatal and well-baby care.

UHCBabyBlocks.com

KidsHealth[®]: Get reliable information on health topics for and about kids.

KidsHealth.org

Get transportation at no cost to you to and from your doctor's visits: Call Member Services to make a reservation. When asked why you are calling, say "transportation."

1-866-292-0359, TTY 711

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

The HPV vaccine.

It's for all pre-teens.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI). Most of the time, it causes no problems and goes away. But sometimes, it causes cancer. In fact, every year in the United States, 33,700 women and men are diagnosed with a cancer caused by the HPV infection.

There is a vaccine for HPV that could prevent more than 90 percent of these cancers from ever developing. The vaccine works best when given before boys or girls become sexually active. Pre-teens should get it at age 11 or 12, but it can be given as early as age 9 or as late as age 26. The HPV vaccine is given as a series of 2 or 3 shots, depending on the age of your child. Ask about it at your pre-teen's next checkup.



What vaccines does your child need? Learn more about vaccines for every member of your family at **CDC.gov/vaccines**.



UnitedHealthcare Community Plan does not treat members differently because of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

If you think you were not treated fairly due to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, you can file a grievance. File it with:

Civil Rights Coordinator
UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance
P.O. Box 30608
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130
UHC_Civil_Rights@uhc.com
1-866-292-0359, TTY 711

You may file on the phone, in person or in writing.

If you need help with your grievance, call **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**. Hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Online:

<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>

Get complaint forms at: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>

Phone:

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

Mail:

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

We provide communication help at no cost for people with disabilities. This includes materials with large print. It includes audio, electronic and other formats. We also provide American sign language interpreters. If English is not your main language, you may ask for an interpreter. We also provide materials in other languages. To ask for help, call **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**. Hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ATTENTION: If you do not speak English, language assistance services, at no cost to you, are available. Call **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.**

Spanish

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.**

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 **1-866-292-0359**，**TTY 711**。

Vietnamese

LƯU Ý: Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, chúng tôi có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí. Vui lòng gọi số **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.**

Serbo- Croatian

OBAVJEŠTENJE: Ako govorite srpsko-hrvatski, usluge jezičke pomoći dostupne su besplatno. Nazovite **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.**

German

HINWEIS: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen kostenlose Sprachendienste zur Verfügung. Wählen Sie: **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.**

Arabic

تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، تتوفر خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجاناً. اتصل على الرقم **1-866-292-0359**، الهاتف النصي **711**.

Korean

참고: 한국어를 하시는 경우, 통역 서비스를 비용 부담 없이 이용하실 수 있습니다. **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**로 전화하십시오.

Russian

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите по-русски, вы можете воспользоваться услугами переводчика, без каких-либо затрат. Звоните по тел **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**.

French

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, vous pouvez obtenir une assistance linguistique sans aucun frais. Appelez le **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**.

Tagalog

ATENSYON: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, may magagamit na serbisyo ng pantulong sa wika, nang wala kang gagastusin. Tumawag sa **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711**.

Pennsylvania Dutch

WICHTIG: Wann du Deitsch (Pennsylvania Dutch) schwetze duscht, kannscht du ebber griege fer helfe mit Englisch unni as es dich ennich ebbes koschte zellt. Ruf **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711** aa.

Farsi

توجه: اگر به زبان فارسی صحبت می کنید، خدمات ترجمه زبان به صورت رایگان به شما ارائه خواهد شد. لطفاً با شماره تلفن **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711** تماس بگیرید.

Oromo

XIYYEEFFANNAA: Afaan dubbattu Oroomiffa yoo ta'e, tajaajilli gargaarsa afaanii baasii kee malee, ni argama. Bilbilaa **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.**

Portuguese

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, sem custo nenhum. Ligue para **1-866-292-0359, TTY 711.**

Amharic

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