



HealthTALK

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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 the California Smokers' Helpline website: nobutts.org.



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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 **1-866-270-5785, TTY 711**. We can also help with scheduling an appointment or finding a provider.

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Salt Lake City, UT 84131-0449



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.

If you're not sure if a telehealth visit is the best option for you, call NurseLine first to get advice at no cost to you. Nurses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just call **1-866-270-5785**, **TTY 711**, toll-free.



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/CommunityPlan) 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.

Resource corner.

Member Services: Find a doctor, 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

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).

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nobutts.org

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

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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

Health Education Materials Resource

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

Prefer email? Call Member Services and give us your email address so we can send important health plan information directly to your inbox (toll-free).

1-866-270-5785, TTY 711



Pasta party.

Try this delicious recipe.

Make pasta for dinner with this family-friendly recipe. Add wagon wheels and easy ingredients like frozen spinach and nuts, and you can't go wrong. This recipe serves 6 (and you will likely have leftovers).

Ingredients.

- 1 pound wagon wheel pasta (can be substituted for other shapes and/or gluten-free pasta)
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons garlic, thinly sliced (8–10 cloves)
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 pound frozen spinach (defrosted)
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts, toasted (if pine nuts aren't available, try almonds or cashews)

Instructions.

1. Cook the pasta according to the package.
2. If using raw nuts, spread them in a single layer on a microwave-safe plate. Microwave on full power for 1 minute. Stir nuts and continue microwaving in 30-second periods until nuts are golden brown. This can be done in advance.
3. While the pasta is cooking, heat olive oil over medium heat in a large skillet. Add garlic, salt and crushed red pepper. Cook until the garlic starts to turn golden, about 3 minutes.
4. Add the spinach and combine until heated through.
5. While heating the spinach, drain the pasta and reserve 1 cup of the pasta cooking liquid. Put the hot pasta water into the pan, add the drained pasta and stir to combine. Top with Parmesan cheese and toasted nuts.

Nutrition (per serving): 313 calories, 12g protein, 46g carbohydrates (4g fiber), 9g fat (2g sat fat, 7g mono/poly), 268mg sodium

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).



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

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 the toll-free member phone number on your health plan member ID card, TTY **711**, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., 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

ՈՒՇԱԴՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ՝ Եթե խոսում եք հայերեն, ապա ձեզ անվճար կարող են տրամադրվել լեզվական աջակցության ծառայություններ: Զանգահարեք **1-866-270-5785, TTY: 711**

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

LUS QHIA: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob, muaj kev pab txhais lus pub dawb rau koj. Hu rau
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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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