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# HealthTALK

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## Make your family count!

Did you know that the United States is conducting a census? It is important to respond because the census determines how federal money is spent. It also affects how many representatives your state gets in Congress. You can respond online, by phone or by mail. Learn more and respond today at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).



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## Health on time.

### Your guide to prenatal and postpartum care.

Timely prenatal and postpartum care can help you have a healthy pregnancy, delivery and recovery. Here's when to see your doctor or midwife:

- At least once before your 12th week.
- Every 4 weeks until your 28th week.
- Every 2 weeks until your 36th week.
- Every week until delivery.
- 4 to 6 weeks after delivery (plus 2 weeks after delivery if you have a C-section).



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**Take the first step.** UnitedHealthcare offers a program called Healthy First Steps®. It is a one-stop resource for all things maternity. All pregnant women and moms with children under 15 months can join. For more information, call **1-800-599-5985, TTY 711**. Or visit the brand-new website, [UHHealthyFirstSteps.com](https://UHHealthyFirstSteps.com).

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# Subtle changes.

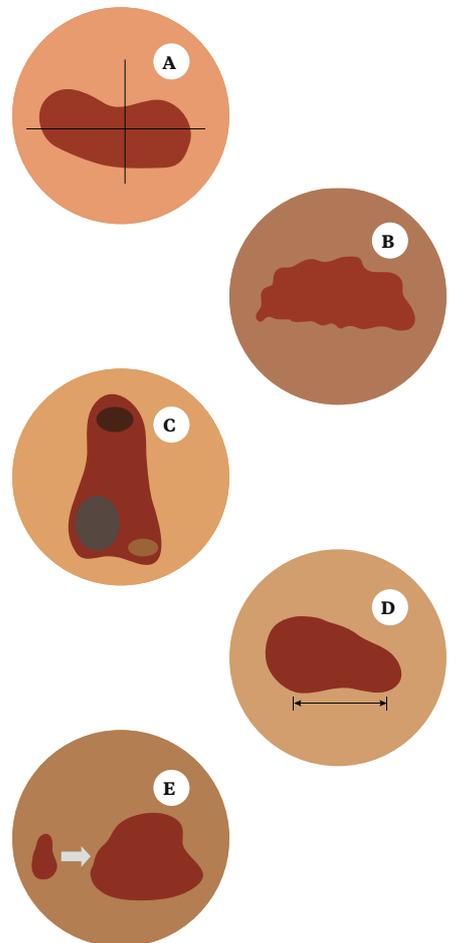
## How to spot skin cancer.

Did you know skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States? It can affect anyone, regardless of their skin color. The good news is nearly all skin cancers can be treated if they are found early.

Knowing what to look for is important. If you notice a change in a mole or a new spot on your skin, remember your ABCDEs:

- A. Asymmetry:** One half does not match the other.
- B. Border:** Uneven, jagged or poorly defined borders.
- C. Color:** Variety of colors — like brown, tan, red or black — in different areas.
- D. Diameter:** Grows larger than ¼ inch across.
- E. Evolution:** Change in size, shape, color, height or any other trait.

A simple way to protect your skin and reduce your risk of developing skin cancer is by wearing sunscreen when you go outside. Use one that is broad-spectrum, water-resistant and has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Reapply every 2 hours. This helps protect your skin from the sun’s cancer-causing ultraviolet (UV) rays.



**See a specialist.** If you notice any of these subtle skin changes, you should get checked out. Your primary care provider (PCP) can refer you to a specialist.

To learn more about your benefits, call Member Services toll-free at **1-866-675-1607, TTY 711**, Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Or visit our website at **myuhc.com/CommunityPlan**.

# A healthy family picnic.

## Tips to make your next picnic fun and safe.

Outdoor activities are a great way to have fun and be active. But as COVID-19 has spread across the United States, you might need to take extra steps to keep your family safe and healthy when spending time outdoors. If you're planning a family picnic this summer, try to keep the group small to avoid spreading germs. Here are some more tips:

### Bright side dish.

Whether you're grilling, making sandwiches or nibbling on snacks and appetizers, a fresh salad is the perfect addition to any summer meal. Our easy summer salad recipe features cucumbers and cherry tomatoes, which are packed with nutrients and full of flavor. Find the full recipe at [healthtalksiderecipe.myuhc.com](http://healthtalksiderecipe.myuhc.com).

### Drink up.

Water is necessary for your body. Staying well hydrated helps you function. Some people find it easier to drink more of it by adding lemon or berries to cold water or seltzer. Eating fresh fruit and vegetables with high water content, such as watermelon or cucumber, is also a good option. In addition to drinking water, limit sugary, alcoholic or caffeinated drinks. They do not hydrate your body the same way water does.

### Get moving.

Guidelines say kids ages 6 and older need at least 1 hour of physical activity each day. Here are some ideas to get your kids moving during your picnic outing:

- Walk or ride a bike to the picnic.
- Play catch with a ball or Frisbee.
- Jump rope.





## Resource corner.

**Member Services:** Find a doctor, ask benefit questions or voice a complaint, in any language (toll-free).

**1-866-675-1607, TTY 711**

**Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.**

**Our website:** Find a provider, read your Member Handbook 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).

**1-877-440-9409, TTY 711**

**Quit For Life®:** Get free help quitting smoking. [quitnow.net](http://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](http://UHCHealthyFirstSteps.com)**

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

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

**Mental Illness and Addiction Crisis Line:**

Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (toll-free).

**1-866-675-1607, TTY 711**

**Want to receive information**

**electronically?** Call Member Services toll-free and give us your email address to receive emails and your mobile phone number to receive texts from UnitedHealthcare. Your permission is required to receive emails and texts.

**1-866-675-1607, TTY 711**

**Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.**

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## Time to immunize?

**Make sure your child gets all the shots they need.**

Getting the vaccines you need — at the right time — is important. Immunizations help protect against preventable diseases. Call your child’s primary care provider (PCP) to find out if they are up to date with their immunizations so you can start checking them off. Schedule an appointment right away if your child is due for any of these shots. Check them off as you get them.

| Immunizations.                              | Shots for babies (birth–15 months).  | Booster shots for young children (4–6 years). |
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| <b>HepB:</b> Hepatitis B                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |
| <b>HepA:</b> Hepatitis A                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  |   |
| <b>DTaP:</b> Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                      |
| <b>Hib:</b> Haemophilus influenzae type b   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |
| <b>IPV:</b> Polio                           | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>                      |
| <b>PCV:</b> Pneumococcal                    | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>                          |   |
| <b>RV:</b> Rotavirus                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  |   |
| <b>MMR:</b> Measles, mumps, rubella         | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>                      |
| <b>Varicella:</b> Chickenpox                | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>                      |
| <b>Influenza</b> (yearly)                   | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>                      |



**It’s your best shot.** If your child is due for a vaccine, schedule a visit with their PCP today. If you need help finding a new provider, we can help. Call Member Services toll-free at **1-866-675-1607, TTY 711**, Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Or visit our website at **[myuhc.com/CommunityPlan](http://myuhc.com/CommunityPlan)**.

# 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](https://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](https://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 does not treat members differently because of sex, age, race, color, disability or national origin.

If you think you were treated unfairly because of your sex, age, race, color, disability or national origin, you can send a complaint to:

Civil Rights Coordinator  
UnitedHealthcare Civil Rights Grievance  
P.O. Box 30608  
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84130  
**UHC\_Civil\_Rights@uhc.com**

You must send the complaint within 60 days of when you found out about it. A decision will be sent to you within 30 days. If you disagree with the decision, you have 15 days to ask us to look at it again.

If you need help with your complaint, please call the toll-free member phone number listed on your health plan member ID card, TTY 711, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

**Online:**

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

Complaint forms are available 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

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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 listed on your health plan member ID card, TTY 711, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.