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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 with the right help. Resources are available at hawaiiquitline.org. Or call toll-free **1-800-QUIT-NOW**.

Mammograms save lives.

They help find early signs of breast cancer.

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. If you are age 50–74, please don't avoid or delay scheduling your screening. It can save your life!

 **Schedule your screening.** We can help with scheduling an appointment or finding a provider. Call us toll-free at **1-888-980-8728, TTY 711.**

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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 a 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 **1-888-980-8728, 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. Get access to self-care tools, caring providers, and more mental health and substance use resources by calling 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 stay healthy. Do you know what actions you can take to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 and the flu? Test your knowledge of the myths and facts below.

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 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).
1-888-980-8728, 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).
1-888-980-8728, TTY 711

Hawai'i Tobacco Quitline: Get help quitting smoking at no cost (toll-free).
1-800-784-8669, TTY 711

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
UHHealthyFirstSteps.com

Hawai'i State Department of Health: Find Medicaid program information.
medical.mybenefits.hawaii.gov

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).
1-888-980-8728, 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 the olive oil over medium heat in a large skillet. Add the 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

Be in touch with your body.

How to do a breast self-exam.

October is breast cancer awareness month. It is a good time to learn how to do a breast self-exam at home. Knowing how your breasts normally look and feel can help you notice symptoms such as lumps, pain or changes in size.

All women over age 20 should do a breast self-exam each month. You can tear off this guide and tape it to your bathroom wall as a reminder. Here's how to do a breast self-exam:

1

Start by looking at your naked breasts in the mirror with your arms at your sides. Then bend forward. Next put your hands on your hips. Then raise them above your head. In each position, look for any changes in breast shape, size or symmetry. Check for lumps or dimples.

2

Use the pads of your fingers to touch and examine your breasts. Move slowly and make sure to cover each breast entirely. Apply different levels of pressure — light, medium and firm — to feel all of the breast tissue.

3

Extend your self-exam to include the tissue that continues into your armpit. Also examine the tissue above (up to your collarbone) and below your breasts with your finger pads.

You should report any changes that you notice to your doctor. If you have any questions about doing a breast self-exam, ask your doctor.



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 applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate, exclude people, or treat people differently because of:

- Race
- Disability
- Age
- National Origin
- Color
- Sex

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:

- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:

- Qualified interpreters
- Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact us toll-free at **1-888-980-8728, TTY 711.**

If you believe that UnitedHealthcare Community Plan has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way, you can file a grievance with:

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

UHC_Civil_Rights@uhc.com

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Civil Rights Coordinator UnitedHealthcare is available to help you.

You can also file a grievance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at **<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>**, or by mail or phone at:

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

1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at **<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>**.

(English) Do you need help in another language? We will get you a free interpreter. Call **1-888-980-8728** to tell us which language you speak. (TTY: **711**).

(Cantonese) 您需要其他语言吗？如果需要，请致电**1-888-980-8728**，我们会提供免费翻译服务 (TTY: **711**)。

(Chuukese) En mi niit ánninis lon pwal eu kapas? Sipwe angeey emon chon chiaku ngonuk ese kamo. Kokori **1-888-980-8728** omw kopwe ureni kich meni kapas ka ááni. (TTY: **711**).

(French) Avez-vous besoin d'aide dans une autre langue? Nous pouvons vous fournir gratuitement des services d'interprète. Appelez le **1-888-980-8728** pour nous indiquer quelle langue vous parlez. (TTY : **711**).

(German) Brauchen Sie Hilfe in einer anderen Sprache? Wir koennen Ihnen gern einen kostenlosen Dolmetscher besorgen. Bitte rufen Sie uns an unter **1-888-980-8728** und sagen Sie uns Bescheid, welche Sprache Sie sprechen. (TTY: **711**).

(Hawaiian) Makemake 'oe i kōkua i pili kekahi 'ōlelo o nā 'āina 'ē? E ki'i nō mākou i mea unuhi manuahi nou. E kelepona i ka helu **1-888-980-8728** no ka ha'i 'ana mai iā mākou i ka 'ōlelo āu e 'ōlelo ai. (TTY: **711**).

(Ilocano) Masapulyo kadi ti tulong iti sabali a pagsasao? Ikkandakayo iti libre nga paraipatarus. Awaganyo ti **1-888-980-8728** tapno ibagayo kadakami no ania ti pagsasao nga ar-aramatenyo. (TTY: **711**).

(Japanese) 貴方は、他の言語に、助けを必要としていますか？私たちは、貴方のために、無料で通訳を用意できます。電話番号の、**1-888-980-8728**に、電話して、私たちに貴方の話されている言語を申し出てください。 (TTY: **711**).

(Korean) 다른언어로 도움이 필요하십니까? 저희가 무료로 통역을 제공합니다. **1-888-980-8728** 로 전화해서 사용하는 언어를 알려주십시오 (TTY: **711**).

(Mandarin) 您需要其它語言嗎？如有需要，請致電**1-888-980-8728**，我們會提供免費翻譯服務 (TTY: **711**)。

(Marshallese) Kwōj aikuj ke jipan kōn juon bar kajin? Kōm naaj lewaj juon aṃ ri-ukok eo ejjeļok wōṅean. Kūrtok **1-888-980-8728** im kowaļok nan kōm kōn kajin ta eo kwō mejeje im kōnono kake. (TTY **711**).

(Samoan) E te mana'o mia se fesosoani i se isi gagana? Matou te fesosoani e ave atu fua se faaliliu upu mo oe. Vili mai i le numera lea **1-888-980-8728** pea e mana'o mia se fesosoani mo se faaliliu upu. (TTY: **711**).

(Spanish) ¿Necesita ayuda en otro idioma? Nosotros le ayudaremos a conseguir un intérprete gratuito. Llame al **1-888-980-8728** y díganos qué idioma habla. (TTY: **711**).

(Tagalog) Kailangan ba ninyo ng tulong sa ibang lengguwahe? Ikukuha namin kayo ng libreng tagasalin. Tumawag sa **1-888-980-8728** para sabihin kung anong lengguwahe ang nais ninyong gamitin (TTY: **711**)

(Tongan) 'Oku ke fiema'u tokoni 'iha lea makehe? Te mau malava 'o 'oatu ha fakatonulea ta'etotongi. Telefoni ki he **1-888-980-8728** 'o fakaha mai pe koe ha 'ae lea fakafonua 'oku ke ngaue'aki. (TTY: **711**).

(Vietnamese) Bạn có cần giúp đỡ bằng ngôn ngữ khác không? Chúng tôi sẽ yêu cầu một người thông dịch viên miễn phí cho bạn. Gọi **1-888-980-8728** nói cho chúng tôi biết bạn dùng ngôn ngữ nào. (TTY: **711**).

(Visayan) Gakinahanglan ka ba ug tabang sa imong pinulongan? Amo kang mahatagan ug libre nga maghuhubad. Tawag sa **1-888-980-8728** aron magpahibalo kung unsa ang imong sinulti-han. (TTY: **711**).