#### FAMILY HEALTH



# Protect yourself with these key vaccines

The flu shot isn't the only vaccine that can help keep you and your family healthy this winter. Here are four vaccines to know about.

### Flu

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says that everyone 6 months and older should get a flu shot every year in the fall.

### **Pneumonia**

Pneumonia is a lung infection that can cause serious illness in young children and older adults. The CDC recommends all children under 5 and adults over 65 get the shot. People with certain medical conditions may need the vaccine, too. Ask your provider if you or your children should get vaccinated.

### COVID-19

New vaccines protect against the latest COVID strains. Ask your provider if a new vaccine is available, and if you should get it.

### Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

RSV is a common virus that can cause cold-like symptoms. Older adults are more likely

### SCHEDULE YOUR FLU SHOT

You can get your flu shot at your provider's office or a local pharmacy.

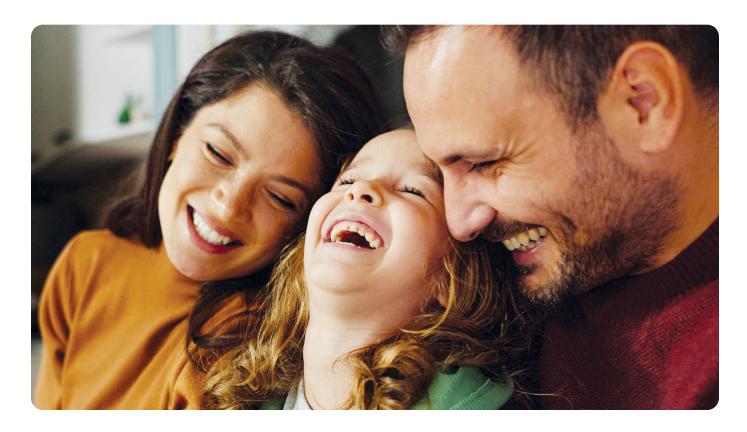
To schedule a flu shot, go to aet.na/fa24ky-3 or scan the QR code.



to be hospitalized from RSV. Experts recommend adults 60 and older get vaccinated. Ask your provider if the RSV shot is right for you.

Your plan covers these vaccines and others at no extra cost to you. Your child can even earn gift cards for getting certain vaccines and well-child visits. Talk to your care manager or call us for more info.





## Caring for kids with ADHD: It's a team effort

It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes a team to help a kid with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) thrive.

Team-based care is where school staff and health care providers work together. It can make managing ADHD easier. Here are some key members to have on your child's ADHD care team.

- 1 You. You know your child better than anyone else. You can tell when they're doing well or struggling. And you're their number one ally.
- 2 Your child. Even young kids can be part of their own care team. Make sure your child knows they can tell you if
- they're struggling or if some part of their care plan isn't working for them.
- 3 Your child's doctor. That could be either your family physician or your pediatrician. They're responsible for managing your child's medicines, care plan and overall health.
- 4 School staff. From class-room teachers to coaches, school staff spend a big chunk of the day with your child. They may have insights to offer. Plus, they can help adapt classroom strategies to your child's needs. And don't forget the school nurse. They can help manage medicine during the school day. And they can check in on daily progress.
- 5 Your child's therapist.
  Not all kids with ADHD have mental health issues. But a therapist can still help with social skills and managing emotions. With a trained therapist, your child can sort through their experiences and find healthy ways to cope.



### Primary care, urgent care or ER?

When you're sick or injured, there are many places you can go for care. But going to the right place can get you the right care at the right time (and for the right price). Learn about your options.

- **Primary care:** Your primary care provider is your go-to source for your health care. You'll go to them for regular checkups and health issues. You can also go to them for non-urgent health concerns.
- **Urgent care:** These clinics can provide care for emergencies that are not life-threatening. You can go here for things like a sprained ankle, minor cuts and burns, or minor illnesses like the flu.
- Emergency room (ER): ERs handle lifethreatening emergencies. That includes things like serious injuries, major burns, poisoning, or heart attack and stroke symptoms.

Check out this table for examples of where to go in different situations. Remember to take your member ID card with you wherever you go for care.

## Talk to a nurse anytime

Still not sure where to go for care? Call the 24-Hour Nurse



Line at **1-855-620-3924 (TTY: 711)**. We'll connect you with a registered nurse who can answer your questions. They can help you decide where to go for care, or help you treat the problem at home. Best of all? You can get this service at no extra cost.

| PROBLEM   | WHERE TO GET CARE  |  |
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| You've sliced your hand and may need stitches.                        | <b>Urgent care.</b> They can check to make sure there's no nerve or tendon damage and stitch you up, if you need it.                           |  |
| You've spotted a strange freckle or mole.                             | <b>Primary care.</b> They can see if the mark is a problem and refer you to a dermatologist (if you need one).                                 |  |
| You slipped and fell on your arm, and you're worried it's broken.     | <b>Urgent care.</b> Many centers can give you an X-ray and cast (if it's broken). Or they can refer you to a specialist if you need more care. |  |
| You banged your head and lost consciousness (blacked out).            | <b>Emergency room.</b> You may need a PET or CT scan to check for serious injury. The providers there can prescribe medicine if you need it.   |  |
| You're having sudden confusion and weakness in your face, arm or leg. | These could be signs of a stroke.<br>Call <b>911</b> right away.   |  |



## Stock a healthy pantry

Eating healthy isn't always easy. But it's important for staying well and feeling your best. Luckily, there is a simple trick to make sure your meals are full of nutrients: Stock your pantry with go-to staples that have a long shelf life. Here are six budget-friendly foods that dietitians recommend you keep in the kitchen.



| SUPER FOOD               | WHY IT'S GOOD FOR YOU   | WHAT TO MAKE  |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| © Canned beans           | All beans have nutrients like protein, iron, zinc, fiber and potassium. Plus, they can last for up to five years in your pantry.                      | Make a quick lunch by mashing the canned beans and spreading them on toast with your favorite seasoning.              |
| <b>Peanut</b> butter     | Peanut butter is loaded with protein and amino acids, which give you energy and help strengthen your muscles.   | A classic peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Use whole-wheat bread for extra nutrients.                                |
| <b>Brown</b> rice        | Brown rice is a whole grain that's full of fiber. It breaks down slowly in your body and doesn't raise your blood sugar levels as much as white rice. | Pair your rice with chicken and your favorite veggies for a simple dinner.  |
| Whole-<br>wheat<br>pasta | Whole-wheat foods are whole grains. Research shows that eating more whole grains lowers the risk of death from stroke and heart attack.               | Try some spaghetti with marinara sauce for a quick dinner. Tomato-based sauces are low in calories and saturated fat. |
| © Canned fish            | Fish is a good source of omega-3s, which help keep your heart and arteries healthy.   | Mix canned fish with light mayo or Greek yogurt for a simple salad.   |
| Nuts and seeds           | Nuts and seeds are small but mighty. They contain protein and minerals, which you need to keep your bones and muscles healthy.                        | Keep them in your pantry for an easy, quick and nutritious snack.   |

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# Lead poisoning: What parents need to know

Lead exposure is an ongoing health issue in our communities. It can lead to lead poisoning, which can cause health problems in kids. Today there are laws that keep lead out of homes. But if you live in an older home or building, your child could still be exposed.

Sources of lead exposure can include:

- Chipping or peeling paint in homes or buildings built before 1978
- Water from lead pipes
- Certain jobs and hobbies
- Soil near airports, highways or factories
- Some imported candies and traditional medicines
- Some imported toys and jewelry

A blood lead test is the best way to know if your child has been exposed to lead. Ask your child's doctor if they should get a blood lead test.

Wondering if your home has lead? You can hire a certified lead inspector to test your home. Go to **epa.gov/lead/lead-abatement-inspection-and-risk-assessment** for more info. Renters can ask their landlord to have the home inspected or to share results from recent inspections.

Go to **cdc.gov/lead-prevention** to learn more about lead poisoning and prevention.





## Your child's care is covered

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) covers kids from birth up to age 21. The EPSDT team is here to help kids get the care and services they need. This includes health screenings; shots; vision, dental and hearing services; lead testing; and any other medical services they may need.

Our EPSDT team can help you schedule your child's doctor visits. They may even help with rides to appointments as needed.

Don't forget these key checkups for your child:

**Vision:** Your child must have an eye exam before they start school. They're eligible for eyeglasses once a year with a prescription.

**Dental:** Your child should see a dentist as soon as their first tooth appears (or by their first birthday). Your child's basic dental services are covered through age 21.





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### Your breathe-easy action plan

Do you have asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or seasonal allergies? An action plan can help you prepare for a flare-up. Your primary care provider (PCP) can help you make a personal plan. Then, follow these steps to breathe easier every day.

- Track your triggers. Pay attention to things that make it harder to breathe. Common triggers include air pollution, tobacco smoke and pollen.
- **♥ Plan ahead.** Avoid your triggers whenever possible. Have your medicine on hand to help manage symptoms whenever you are outside.
- Take your medicine. For daily care, take medicine as your doctor tells you. And know how and when to use your emergency medicines. If allergies are making your symptoms worse, try over-the-counter (OTC) remedies like antihistamines. Ask your doctor what OTC medicines they recommend for you.





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