



# Q3 2021 Newsletter



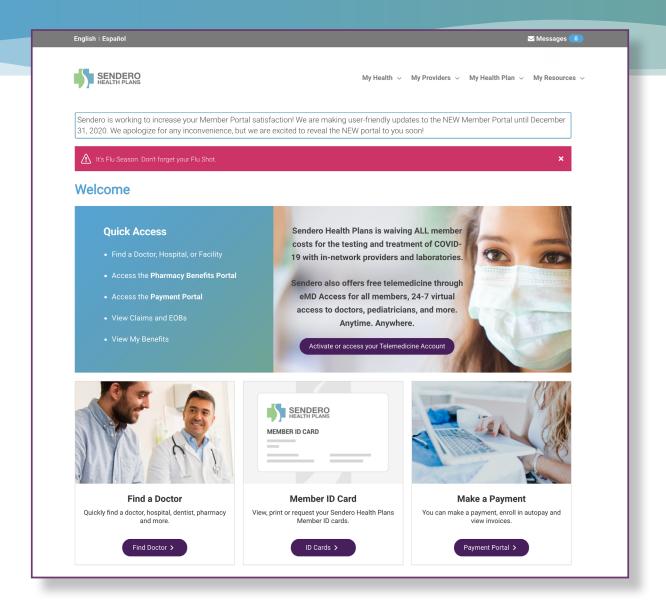
# **Announcements!**

# Have you visited our member portal?

https://sendero.healthtrioconnect.com/

Need help registering for the new 2021 Member Portal? Call the Help Desk at 1-877-814-9909, representatives are available to assist you, Monday - Friday from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

- Print an ID card
- View claims
- View Referrals and Authorizations
- Review your benefits Update your Primary Care Physician
  - And more!



#### Fast, Easy, Free, and Nearby COVID-19 Vaccination

The federal government is providing the vaccine **free of charge** to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.

- Before you arrive, contact the site where you will be vaccinated or review your appointment confirmation email for details about what identification you may need to bring to your vaccination appointment.
- When you get a vaccine, you and your healthcare provider will both need to wear masks that cover your nose and mouth. Stay 6 feet away from others while inside and in lines. <u>Learn more about protecting yourself when going to get your COVID-19 vaccine.</u>
- You should receive a paper or electronic version of a fact sheet that tells you more about the specific COVID-19 vaccine you receive. Each authorized COVID-19 vaccine has its own fact sheet that contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of receiving that specific vaccine. Learn more about different COVID-19 vaccines.
- After getting a COVID-19 vaccine, you should be monitored on site for at least 15 minutes. <u>Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and rare severe allergic reactions.</u>
- Ask your vaccination provider about getting started with v-safe, a free, smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Through v-safe, you can quickly tell CDC if you have any <u>side effects</u> after vaccination. V-safe also reminds you to get your second dose if you need one. <u>Register</u> or <u>sign into</u> v-safe. Learn more about <u>v-safe</u>.
   Watch Video: <u>Use v-safe to tell CDC how you're feeling after COVID-19 vaccination [00:00:34]</u>
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  it, and where you received it. Keep your vaccination card in case you need it for future use. Consider taking a
  picture of your vaccination card as a backup copy.
- If you do not receive a COVID-19 vaccination card at your appointment, contact the vaccination provider site where you got vaccinated or your state health department to find out how you can get a card.

## Lost your vaccination card?

Learn about what to do if you've lost your vaccination card.



# Looking after our mental health

As countries introduce measures to restrict movement as part of efforts to reduce the number of people infected with COVID-19, more and more of us are making huge changes to our daily routines.

The new realities of working from home, temporary unemployment, home-schooling of children, and lack of physical contact with other family members, friends and colleagues take time to get used to. Adapting to lifestyle changes such as these, and managing the fear of contracting the virus and worry about people close to us who are particularly vulnerable, are challenging for all of us. They can be particularly difficult for people with mental health conditions.

Fortunately, there are lots of things that we can do to look after our own mental health and to help others who may need some extra support and care.

Here are tips and advice that we hope you will find useful.

- **Keep informed.** Listen to advice and recommendations from your national and local authorities. Follow trusted news channels, such as local and national TV and radio, and keep up-to-date with the latest news from @WHO on social media.
- **Have a routine.** Keep up with daily routines as far as possible, or make new ones.
  - » Get up and go to bed at similar times every day.
  - » Keep up with personal hygiene.
  - » Eat healthy meals at regular times.
  - » Exercise regularly.
  - » Allocate time for working and time for resting.
  - » Make time for doing things you enjoy.
- Minimize newsfeeds. Try to reduce how much you watch, read or listen to news that makes you feel anxious or distressed. Seek the latest information at specific times of the day, once or twice a day if needed.
- Social contact is important. If your movements are restricted, keep in regular contact with people close to you by telephone and online channels.



- **Alcohol and drug use.** Limit the amount of alcohol you drink or don't drink alcohol at all. Don't start drinking alcohol if you have not drunk alcohol before. Avoid using alcohol and drugs as a way of dealing with fear, anxiety, boredom and social isolation. There is no evidence of any protective effect of drinking alcohol for viral or other infections. In fact, the opposite is true as the harmful use of alcohol is associated with increased risk of infections and worse treatment outcomes. And be aware that alcohol and drug use may prevent you from taking sufficient precautions to protect yourself again infection, such as compliance with hand hygiene.
- Screen time. Be aware of how much time you spend in front of a screen every day.
   Make sure that you take regular breaks from on-screen activities.
- Video games. While video games can be a way to relax, it can be tempting to spend much more time on them than usual when at home for long periods. Be sure to keep the right balance with off-line activities in your daily routine.
- Social media. Use your social media accounts to promote positive and hopeful stories. Correct misinformation wherever you see it.
- Help others. If you are able to, offer support
  to people in your community who may need it, such as helping them with food shopping.
- **Support health workers.** Take opportunities online or through your community to thank your country's health-care workers and all those working to respond to COVID-19.

#### Don't discriminate

Fear is a normal reaction in situations of uncertainty. But sometimes fear is expressed in ways which are hurtful to other people. Remember:

- Be kind. Don't discriminate against people because of your fears of the spread of COVID-19.
- Don't discriminate against people who you think may have coronavirus.
- Don't discriminate against health workers. Health workers deserve our respect and gratitude.
- COVID-19 has affected people from many countries. Don't attribute it to any specific group.







#### Chat with a Doctor Anytime, Anywhere

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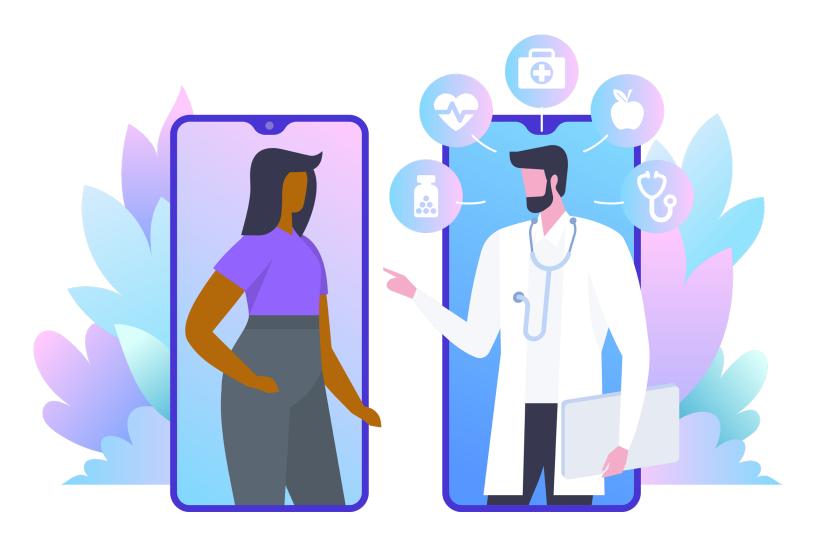
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# Special Programs To Help You With Your Health

IdealCare has an array of services to help you become educated about health care conditions, coordinate your care, and manage your medical conditions. We have programs that provide support and education if you have diabetes or asthma.

We also offer case management to help coordinate your care and to provide advice on managing your medical conditions. This program is especially useful if you have multiple medical conditions or if you have recently experienced a major challenge to your health. If you would like to be considered for one of these programs, you or someone who helps you, can

call us at 1-855-297-9191

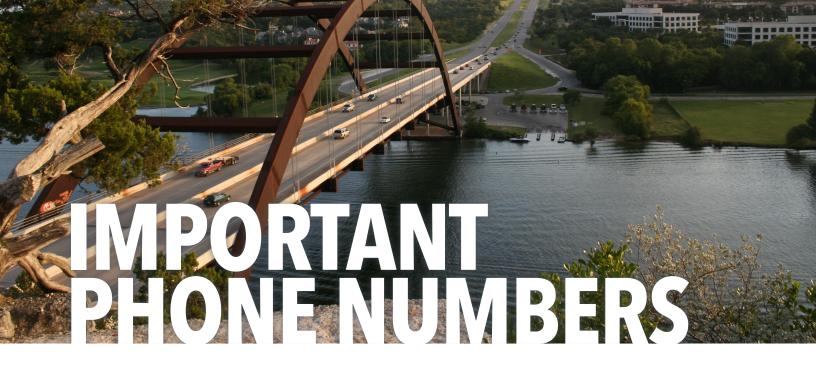


# **Nurse Advice Line**

Call toll free 1-855-880-7019

# Do you have questions about your health? Do you need advice from a caring and experienced nurse?

IdealCare offers a toll-free Nurse Advice Line that you can call at any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with questions about your health. Call toll free 1-855-880-7019.



### **Member Services**

1-844-800-4693

Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

### **Hearing Impaired (TTY)**

7-1-1

### **Nurse Advice Line**

1-855-880-7019

### **Dental Benefits Line**

1-866-609-0426



In case of an emergency call 9-1-1 or go to the closest hospital emergency room to you.

### **Pharmacy Benefits Line**

1-866-333-2757

# **Behavioral Health Crisis Hotline**

1-855-765-9696

### **Vision Line**

1-800-334-3937

### **Utilization Management**

1-855-895-0475

Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M. If you call after hours or over the weekend and leave a voice message, you will receive a return call on the next business day.