



## **Calendar of Important Events: October 2017 – October 2018**

This calendar is designed to help you keep track of key dates for Covered California, including open enrollment and special enrollment. The calendar also highlights national health observances and holy days on the religious calendar. It is customizable, so you can use it to denote special days in your own church such as Women's Day, Children's Day, Church Anniversary and Pastor's Anniversary.

The calendar starts in October 2017 and ends in October 2018 to coincide with Covered California's open-enrollment period, as well as Covered California's special-enrollment period.

### **October 2017**

- **COVERED CALIFORNIA RENEWAL PERIOD BEGINS** – Wed., Oct. 11.
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**
- **National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.**
- **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month.**
- **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.**
- **World Communion Sunday** – Sunday, Oct. 1.

### **November 2017**

- **COVERED CALIFORNIA OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS** – Wednesday, Nov. 1.
- **American Diabetes Month**
- **Lung Cancer Awareness Month**
- **National Family Caregivers Month**
- **Veteran's Day** – Friday, Nov. 10.
- **Great American Smokeout** – Thursday, Nov. 16
- **Thanksgiving** – Thursday, Nov. 23

## December 2017

- **Last day to enroll through Covered California open enrollment for health coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2018** – Friday, Dec. 15.
- **Safe Toys & Christmas Month**
- **National Influenza Vaccination Week** – Dec. 4-11
- **Hanukkah** – Begins Tuesday, Dec. 13 and ends Wednesday, Dec. 20.
- **Christmas** – Monday, Dec. 25.
- **Kwanzaa begins** – Begins Tuesday, Dec. 26 and ends Monday, Jan. 1

## January 2018

- **COVERED CALIFORNIA OPEN ENROLLMENT AND RENEWAL PERIOD ENDS** – Sunday, Jan. 31.
- **National Birth Defects Prevention Month.**
- **National Glaucoma Awareness Month.**
- **National Cervical Health Awareness Month.**
- **New Year's Day** – Monday, Jan. 1.
- **Epiphany** – Saturday, Jan. 6.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** – Monday, Jan. 15.
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – Jan. 17-24.

## February 2018

- **COVERED CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ENROLLMENT BEGINS** – Thurs., Feb. 1.
- **American Heart Month.**
- **African-American History Month.**
- **St. Valentine's Day** – Wednesday, Feb. 14.
- **Presidents' Day** – Monday, Feb. 19.

## March 2018

- **National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.**
- **National Endometriosis Awareness Month.**
- **National Kidney Month.**
- **Multiple Sclerosis Education Month.**
- **National Save Your Vision Month.**

- **Ash Wednesday** – Wednesday, March 7.

#### **March 2018 (continued)**

- **St. Patrick's Day** – Saturday, March 17.
- **Palm Sunday** – Sunday, March 25.
- **Holy (Maundy) Thursday** – Thursday, March 29.
- **Good Friday** – Friday, March 30.
- **Passover** – Sunday, March 30 (sunset); Saturday, April 7 (nightfall).

#### **April 2017**

- **LAST DAY TO ENROLL IN COVERED CALIFORNIA TO MINIMIZE TAX PENALTIES** – Monday, April 30.
- **Alcohol Awareness Month.**
- **National Autism Awareness Month.**
- **National Minority Health Month.**
- **STD Awareness Month.**
- **Easter** – Sunday, April 1.
- **Passover ends** – Saturday, April 7 (begins Sunday, March 30)

#### **May 2017**

- **National High Blood Pressure Education Month.**
- **National Stroke Awareness Month.**
- **Arthritis Awareness Month.**
- **National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month.**
- **Hepatitis Awareness Month.**
- **Lupus Awareness Month.**
- **National Day of Prayer** – Thursday, May 3.
- **Ascension** – Thursday, May 10.
- **Mother's Day** – Sunday, May 13.
- **Pentecost** – Sunday, May 20.
- **Memorial Day** – Monday, May 28.

## June 2017

- **National Men's Health Month.**
- **National Children's Day** – Sunday, June 10.
- **Father's Day** – Sunday, June 17.
- **Juneteenth** – Tuesday, June 19.

## July 2017

- **Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month.**
- **Independence Day** – Wednesday, July 4.

## August 2017

- **National Immunization Awareness Month.**

## September 2017

- **National Prostate Health Month.**
- **National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month.**
- **National Sickle Cell Awareness Month.**
- **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.**
- **National Cholesterol Education Month.**
- **National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.**
- **Labor Day** – Monday, Sept. 3.
- **Grandparents Day** – Sunday, Sept. 9.
- **Rosh Hashanah** – Starts the evening of Sunday, Sept. 9 and ends the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 11.
- **Yom Kippur** – Starts the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 18 and ends the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 19.

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