**Calendar of Important Events: October 2018 – October 2019**

This calendar is designed to help you keep track of key dates for Covered California, including the new sign-up period for 2019 health plans 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 2018 and ends in October 2019 to coincide with Covered California’s new sign-up period, as well as Covered California’s special-enrollment period.

**October 2018**

* **COVERED CALIFORNIA RENEWAL PERIOD BEGINS –** Monday, Oct. 1.
* **COVERED CALIFORNIA SIGN-UP PERIOD BEGINS –** Monday, Oct. 15.
* **Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**
* **National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.**
* **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month.**
* **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.**

**November 2018**

* **American Diabetes Month**
* **Lung Cancer Awareness Month**
* **National Family Caregivers Month**
* **Veteran’s Day –** Sunday, Nov. 11.
* **Great American Smokeout –** Thursday, Nov. 15
* **Thanksgiving –** Thursday, Nov. 22.

**December 2018**

* **LAST DAY TO ENROLL THROUGH COVERED CALIFORNIA RENEWALS AND NEW SIGN-UPS FOR HEALTH COVERAGE BEGINNING JAN. 1, 2018 –** Friday, Dec. 15.
* **Safe Toys & Christmas Month**
* **National Influenza Vaccination Week –** Sunday, Dec. 2 to Saturday, Dec. 8

**[December 2018 continued]**

* **Hanukkah –** Begins Sunday, Dec. 2 and ends Monday Dec. 9.
* **Christmas –** Tuesday, Dec. 25.
* **Kwanzaa begins –** Begins Wednesday, Dec. 26 and ends Tuesday, Jan. 1.

**January 2019**

* **COVERED CALIFORNIA SIGN-UP AND RENEWAL PERIOD ENDS** – Tuesday, Jan. 15.
* **National Birth Defects Prevention Month.**
* **National Glaucoma Awareness Month.**
* **National Cervical Health Awareness Month.**
* **New Year’s Day** – Tuesday, Jan. 1.
* **Epiphany** – Sunday, Jan. 6.
* **COVERED CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ENROLLMENT BEGINS** –Wednesday, Jan. 16.
* **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – Friday, Jan. 18 to Friday, Jan. 25.
* **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** – Monday, Jan. 21.

**February 2019**

* **American Heart Month.**
* **African-American History Month.**
* **St. Valentine’s Day** – Thursday, Feb. 14.
* **Presidents’ Day** – Monday, Feb. 18.

**March 2019**

* **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 6.
* **St. Patrick’s Day** – Sunday, March 17.

**April 2019**

* **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.**

**[April 2019 continued]**

* **STD Awareness Month.**
* **Palm Sunday** – Sunday, April 14.
* **Holy (Maundy) Thursday** – Thursday, April 18.
* **Good Friday** – Friday, April 19.
* **Passover** – Begins Friday, April 19 and ends Saturday, April 27
* **Easter** – Sunday, April 21

**May 2019**

* **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 2.
* **Ascension** –Thursday, May 30.
* **Mother’s Day** – Sunday, May 12.
* **Memorial Day** – Monday, May 28.

**June 2019**

* **National Men’s Health Month.**
* **Pentecost** – Sunday, June 9.
* **National Children’s Day** –Sunday, June 9.
* **Father’s Day** –Sunday, June 16.
* **Juneteenth** – Wednesday, June 19.

**July 2019**

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

**August 2019**

* **National Immunization Awareness Month.**

**September 2019**

* **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. 2.
* **Grandparents Day** – Sunday, Sept. 8**.**
* **Rosh Hashanah** – Begins the evening of Sunday, Sept. 29 and ends the evening of Tuesday, Oct 1.

**October 2019**

* **Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**
* **National Down Syndrome Awareness Month.**
* **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month.**
* **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.**
* **Yom Kippur** – Begins the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 1 and ends the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 8.
* **World Communion Sunday** –Sunday, Oct. 6**.**